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TENSION AT THE CONFERENCE

ITALY ON CAT AND MOUSE TACTICS

EYES ON FRANCE

WAR BETWEEN FRANCE, BRITAIN AND U.S. "IMPOSSIBLE"

Considerable tension has been caused by the declaration of the Italian delegation to the Naval Conference at London that absolute parity with France will remain the cardinal principle of the Italian Naval policy. The Italian delegation has refused to table any figures of tonnage until the French figures are tabled, in which case the Italian figures would be almost identical.

Japan emphasises her desire to maintain a force necessary for her national defence in Far Eastern waters, and adheres to her decision not to agree to the abolition of submarines.

M. Tardieu, head of the French delegation, said that as war between France, Britain and America was unthinkable, the French Naval policy was strictly defensive.

THE FRENCH POSITION

London, Yesterday. Speaking at the Naval Conference M. Tardieu declared that France was the only great Power which had reduced its navy since before the war, and statistically demonstrated his statement by showing that the present global tonnage was 682,000 as compared with 1,339,000. Battleships were accounted for by a reduction of 551,000 tons, but aeroplane carriers and submarines had increased to 32,000 and 62,000 respectively. Moreover, France alone had not constructed any new tonnage between 1914 and 1920. Consequently, she was compelled to keep a considerable tonnage, especially of battleships and cruisers, in active service beyond the age limit.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA

This issue of the China Mail contains a special tourist supplement for the convenience of passengers by the Empress of Australia. The supplement has also an appeal of its own to local readers and to friends at home.

France was willing to accept the British and American proposal to discuss agreement on the basis of building programmes from 1930 to 1936, and proposed that the French fleet at the end of 1936 should consist of 724,479,000 tons, of which 82 per cent. would be replacements, and 18 per cent. new tonnage.

A Battleship Holiday

M. Tardieu said that France was ready to agree to a holiday in battleship construction to the extent of 105,000 tons, but emphasised that the limitation of naval armaments should be inter-dependent with the limitation of land and air forces. He affirmed that armed conflict between France, Great Britain and America was unthinkable; therefore, the French naval programme was strictly defensive, and in conformity with the Kellogg Pact. Hence she did not view with alarm either the reduction or increase of the British and American naval forces decided on with the object of reaching agreement.

In the same spirit of mutual confidence, she trusts that the above proposals, which merely correspond to her national requirements, cannot alarm other nations.

Scraping of Submarines. An authoritative Italian statement emphasises that absolute parity with France will remain the cardinal principle of the Italian naval policy. The Italian delegation will not table any figures of tonnage until the French figures are tabled, and then the Italian figures will be almost identical.

NEW THREAT TO HANKOW

KUOMINCHUN FORCES ON MARCH
DOUBTFUL GENERALS

Shanghai, To-day. According to Japanese reports the Kuominchun forces are again advancing in Hupeh and have reached Kingtze-kuan with their objective as Hankow.

General Shih Yu-shan, it is reported, is joining them, while the loyalty of General Han Fu-chu is doubtful.

The Nanking Government's commandeering of ships in Shanghai is believed to be for the object of sending troops up river against the rebels.—Reuter.

Ships Held Up

Shanghai, Yesterday. The clearing of Chinese ships from Shanghai for coastal ports was suspended this afternoon for a period of two days.

Chinese shipping firms received an order from the Government at two o'clock, and the Customs received instructions from the Superintendent of Customs not to issue any clearance papers for two days. Three ships, however, were given special permission to leave.—Reuter.

course, dependent on agreement programmes being made by the other powers, and would be for the period covered by such agreement. The programme of replacement must to a certain extent depend on the nature of the agreements which might be reached at the Naval Conference, and it was not possible to state what they would be.

At Naval Conference to-day the proceedings consisted of private talks between the delegates, among these being a conversation between Mr. Tardieu, Hugh Gibson and Mr. MacDonald, in a private room of the last named in the House of Commons, and further work by the experts, who have now before them the document which constitutes the framework of the compromise proposals for the limitation of naval armaments.

The actual figures of the requirements by the different Powers are now being produced and progress is being made. Experts have to-day been considering the so-called special vessels which do not naturally fall into categories, taking as the basis of their work the document regarding to such craft upon which provisional agreement was reached at the 1927 Geneva Naval Conference.

The Japanese Proposal

The Japanese delegation to-night issued a memorandum setting forth their views in the light of the recent discussions. The memorandum expresses Japan's desire to find a formula harmonising with global and category theories and her willingness to agree to the proposal that no more ships shall be laid before 1936. She agrees that battleships should be reduced from 35,000 tons to 25,000 tons, with a maximum gun calibre of 14 inches, and also favours the increase in their age limit from 20 to 26 years. As regards aircraft carriers, she proposes that all such vessels, no matter of what tonnage, shall be subject to limitation. Limitation imposed by the Washington Treaty applied only to aircraft carriers of over 10,000 tons. The age limit of these vessels when over 10,000 tons she proposes to increase from 20 to 26 years, that for all other types being 20 years.

Japan attaches great importance to eight-inch cruisers and needs a number of such vessels for her own protection, but is willing to reduce this according to the number possessed by other nations. Flotilla leaders and destroyers should also be limited. The age limit for cruisers should be 20 years and that for destroyers 16 years.

Regarding submarines, Japan will co-operate with the other Powers in strictly regulating their use against merchant vessels of a tonnage of 75,000 tons, and she favours limiting the size of these craft and fixing their age at 15 years.—British Wireless Service.

KIND MAGISTRATE

Licence and Stock for a Sexagenarian

NO WORD OF GRATITUDE

When a 13 year old Chinese boy was to-day charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham with hawking without a licence, he produced an old man whom he claimed was his father and was solely dependant on him for support.

Asked his age the old man said that he was 66 and was blessed with his only son when he was 53. When he was a younger man, he said, he

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, To-day.

Expressing satisfaction with the Japanese counter-proposals to America the Asahi, which appears to reflect general opinion in official and unofficial circles, urges America to agree to reduce the size of capital ships by 2,500 tons and accept 15 large cruisers instead of 18, thereby facilitating the British acceptance of Japan's claim to 70 per cent. of the American.

Recent Press comments, moreover, indicate the growth of a desire for the eventual abolition of capital ships. Several papers in the past two or three days have been intimating that Japan's present opposition to the abolition of submarines might undergo a change if the Powers agreed also to scrap capital ships, though some add that the abolition of submarines should also be conditional on the abolition of gas in warfare and the aerial bombardment of open towns, both of which are characterised as more barbarous than submarines.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday. There is a misapprehension in Conference circles as to Mr. Tardieu's naval statement which is held to represent a building rather than a scrapping programme, but the publication of the actual figures is now enabled to get to grips with concrete facts.

The figures must have shocked the Italians who, if they persist in their demand for parity with France, will be compelled to double their existing fleet.

The Japanese statement reveals several differences from the American viewpoint, but they are believed to be adjustable.

Washington, Yesterday. The Senate, by 52 votes to 26, has confirmed Mr. C. E. Hughes's appointment to the Chief Justiceship.—Reuter's American Service.

Oso, Yesterday.

It is reported from Deception Island that Sir Hubert Wilkins is expected there in the William Scoresby to-morrow and will return to America as soon as possible. There will be no flight to the Ross Sea this season.

Madrid, Yesterday. A thousand unemployed attempted to demonstrate outside the Royal Palace. The police charged and dispersed the demonstrators, then raided shops in the suburbs.

Barcelona, Yesterday. Five students have been injured in street fighting.—Reuter.

worked as a street cooler, but now that he was old and infirm, he looked to his son to support him. The boy said that he could not find a job, so he had to take to hawking to support himself and his father.

The prosecuting Sergeant, in reply to the Magistrate, said that the only job open to a lad of that age was as a foki at a hawk's stall. He admitted that there was no other work that such a young fellow could turn to in Hong Kong.

The Magistrate decided to give the old man a stall-holder's licence and promised to give him some money to get his stock.

Father and son both turned away to leave the Court without a murmur, but were rebuked by Mr. Chan, the Court interpreter, who suggested that they ought to express thanks to His Worship for his kindness.

GIRLS KILLED

Collapse of Wall in Playground

Tokyo, To-day. Five school girls were killed instantaneously and two expired later, whilst several others were seriously injured yesterday at Okinawa, Loochoos, when a wall in the playground suddenly collapsed.—Reuter.

VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE

"STAR" FERRY CO. INTERESTED IN SCHEME

PRESENT SYSTEM A LOSS

That the "Star Ferry Company, Limited are interested in the vehicular ferry service scheme connecting the mainland with the island was made evident at the thirty-second ordinary yearly meeting of the Company held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., to-day.

It was also said that the present service of transporting cars across the harbour by lighter has been operating at a loss for many years. The Government, however, has not given its views as to the terms and conditions on which a vehicular service would be required to operate.

Mr. B. D. F. Bethel presided at the meeting and supporting him were Messrs. J. P. Warren, H. H. H. Priestley, M. T. Johnson and C. Gordon Mackie.

Shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, J. T. Bagram, O. F. Ribeiro, D. Mackenzie, L. S. Greenhill, Captain C. E. Riggs, H. E. Scrivener, and C. F. Mendham.

Increase of \$48,000

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said:— Gentlemen: I propose, with your approval, to follow the customary procedure and take the report and accounts as read.

The profit on the year's working shows a considerable improvement on the previous one, there being an increase of \$48,115.36 in traffic earnings; of this amount by far the greater portion is represented by first class fares via the turnstiles. The latter, as you are aware, have now been in use for the whole period covered by these accounts. There is also a larger revenue derived from interest and dividends on investments made from our surplus funds. These investments, you will notice under share fluctuation account, appreciated during the year to the extent of \$20,130. You will also observe from the accounts that we are transferring \$50,000 to reserve and \$40,000 to general contingency account, bringing these accounts up to \$150,000 and \$200,000 respectively.

\$32,000 for Appropriation

After allowing for repairs and depreciation there remains a balance of \$354,487.03 for appropriation. It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of like amount, absorbing \$320,000, and carry forward \$34,487.03, which I hope will meet with your approval.

At our meeting last year, I mentioned that a vehicular ferry service connecting the island and the mainland was receiving the consideration of our directors. We have, however, made very little progress in this direction, as we are unable as yet to obtain the views of the Government as to the terms and conditions on which such a service would be required to operate.

Lighter Service Antiquated

The present service of transporting cars across the harbour by lighter has been in operation for the past twelve years, and we are fully alive to the fact that the method is now antiquated and far from satisfactory. When it is borne in mind that a regular half hourly service is maintained on Sundays and holidays and a car can be ferried across the harbour practically at any time of the day on week days, it is apparent that the Company have done their best under existing conditions.

Two lighters are now employed almost exclusively in this service, and the capital expenditure entailed is far from justified by receipts.

Sanguine of Government Support

Realising, however, that as a public utility company, they owe a duty to the public, and that the cessation of this service would entail considerable inconvenience to the general public, the directors have continued, with the co-operation of the Wharf Co., to operate the service, in spite of the loss which has now extended over many years. As we are the only Company who have made any provision of this nature, we have every hope that we shall receive due consideration when Government sanction for

"CAMPAIGN OF LIES AND SLANDER"

MOSCOW DENIES TALES OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

"THIS HORROR"

ACTION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

London, Yesterday.

The "religious persecution" and "the economic repression of the wretched peasant," were given prominence in the House of Lords, in a debate on the negotiation of the British and Soviet commercial treaty.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Norwich protested against the persecutions. The former said that unless the persecution abated he would be bound again to call the attention of the country to it.

Lord Parmoor, for the Government, while emphasising the difficulties and dangers of interfering in Russian domestic affairs, and the difficulty of securing authentic information, gave his assurance and Mr. Henderson would do his utmost to get "this horror" mitigated.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS' PROTEST

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Association of Workers, on behalf of 6,000 Leningrad scientists has appealed to the intelligentsia of West Europe and America to protest against the campaign of lies and slander directed against the capitalist circles.

British Assurance

London Later.

That the Foreign Secretary is at present awaiting a report from the British Ambassador at Moscow regarding the alleged religious persecution in Russia was divulged by Mr. Henderson whilst replying to a question in the House of Commons. He assured the House that His Majesty's Government would do its utmost to use its influence to support religious liberty and the freedom of religious practices.—Reuter.

Widespread Concern

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, was asked in the House of Commons by Commander Lockyer-Lampson, former Conservative Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, whether he would take immediate steps under Article 11 of the Covenant of the League of Nations to bring before the League the question of the conditions affecting religious liberty in Russia.

Mr. Henderson replied: "Reports current regarding the religious situation in Russia have caused widespread and deep concern in this and other countries and are receiving the serious consideration of His Majesty's Government. I have grave doubts whether course suggested by Commander Lockyer-Lampson would promote the object which he had in view, but the House may rest assured that His Majesty's Government will, when possible or compatible with the interests of those affected, use all its influence in support of the cause of religious liberty and the freedom of religious practice."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Henderson said that the inauguration of a vehicular ferry service is granted.

Officers Elected

I do not think Gentlemen there is anything further that calls for comment and now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. Warren seconded, and the report and accounts were passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Bagram and seconded by Mr. Scrivener, Messrs. H. H. H. Priestley, J. P. Warren, and C. G. Mackie were elected to the Board of Directors.

Mr. A. H. Compton, who retired according to the Articles of Association, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. L. S. Greenhill and seconded by Mr. D. Mackenzie.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was re-elected auditor on the proposal of Captain Riggs and seconded by Mr. Ribeiro.

Henderson said that he was now awaiting a report from the British representative in Russia on the religious situation.

Principles of Justice

In the House of Lords, Lord Hayer (Conservative) asked whether the Government had called the attention of the Soviet Government to the fact that its action against the Christian churches and people of Russia was not in accord with the 'British' principles of justice and did not assist in maintaining friendship between Great Britain and Russia.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said that this matter concerned him directly both officially and personally. He referred to the solemn protest against the religious persecution in Russia which he had made at the Convocation of Canterbury yesterday in the name of the Church of England, and to the resolution of the House of Commons.

TO-MORROWS FEATURES

To-morrow the China Mail will publish a more than usually clever cartoon by Stan Hill of great interest to racing "fans."

In addition to the Free Pictorial Supplement, with local and Home pictures and photographs, to-morrow's China Mail will also have the Children's Corner and the Boy Scouts' & Girl Guides' Section.

solution of Bishops endorsing that protest. He added, however, that the Bishops desired to dissociate the protest from the more political issues which had been made. They felt that the force of their protest in the name of religion and humanity would be greater if it could not be regarded as part of any political movement.

Religious Liberty

Lord Parmoor, replying for the Government, said he would not seek to deny the great importance of the question. It raised, however, points of great difficulty and responsibility. He agreed with the Archbishop of Canterbury that it was our duty to inquire into the accuracy of the statements which had been made. The primary difficulty from a political standpoint was that while we stood for religious liberty and against religious persecution, we had to consider the matter from a constitutional position and allow in other countries the same liberty in matters of internal and domestic policy that we claimed for ourselves.

It had been made the basis of any agreement which might be made between Russia and ourselves that we should not interest ourselves in matters of internal or domestic concern.

Opposed to Persecution

The Government, in common with all parties in this country, were fundamentally opposed to any form of religious persecution and they desired to promote by every legitimate means the sacred cause of freedom for all forms of religious thought and action, but we must be very careful what we did so that in result, we did not do injury by increasing the persecution of the very persons whom we desired to protect.

Lord Parmoor would do all he could in the matter, and he read a statement made by Mr. Henderson on the subject in the House of Commons—British Wireless Service.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 4.30 p.m., THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1930, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 20th February to THURSDAY, 27th February, 1930 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG-FO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1930.

**UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 10th March, 1930, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1929. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st March to 10th March, 1930, both dates inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 13th February, 1930.

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J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
Hong Kong, January 30, 1930.

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HONG KONG.****NOTICE.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Lady Helpers of the Naval & Military Y.M.C.A. will be held in the Cheer 'O Canteen on MONDAY, February 17, at 11 a.m. It is hoped that all helpers will endeavour to be present on this occasion.
Hong Kong, Feb. 12, 1930.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February, to SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1930 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING, 1930.**

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th February and 1st March, 1930.

ON SATURDAY, 22nd February the First Race will be run at 2 p.m. and on all other days at 12 o'clock Noon. On the First Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and on the other four days at 11.30 a.m.

**MEMBERS' BADGES &
ENCLOSURE.**

Members' Badges may be obtained by those members who have not already received them on application to the Secretary.

Such Badges will also ensure admission to all Extra Race Meetings during 1930.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10. per day or \$40. for the Meeting (ladies \$4. and \$16. respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course. Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. per day for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. E. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1930.

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**VOLUNTEER DEFENCE
CORPS****ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT
WEEK****ANNUAL INSPECTION**

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., C.B.E., state:—
G.O.C.'s Annual Inspection, 1930
The G.O.C. will inspect the Corps on Thursday, March 13, on Murray Parade Ground at 6 p.m.
The Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. as for ceremonial, in four Companies:

No. 1 Company under Command of Capt. A. M. Thornhill to consist of the following units, which will be sized independently and parade in this order:
The Battery—Dress: Helmet, jacket, breeches, puttees (rolled downwards), bandolier with belt. Rifle and bayonet.

Machine Gun Troop—Dress: As above with shoulder chains and spurs.

Armoured Car Co.—Dress: As for Battery.

Engineer Co.—Dress: Helmet, jacket, shorts, puttees, belt, rifle and bayonet.

Corps Signals—Dress: As for Engineer Co.

No. 2 Company:
M. Gun Co.—Dress: Helmet, jacket, shorts, puttees, belt, rifle and bayonet.

No. 3 Company:
Scottish Co.—Dress: Review Order Khaki.

No. 4 Company:
Portuguese Co.—Dress: As for No. 2 Company.

Medals will be worn by all those in possession.

Members of Reserve Co. will parade with their original units. Officers for King's Colour and Regimental Colour will be detailed later.

Practice Parades. There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray Parade Ground on Tuesday, March 11. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

The parade ground at Volunteer Headquarters will be available for Companies to hold practice parades in mufti as follows:—

No. 1 Company—Friday, February 23 and Monday, March 10.

No. 2 Company—Tuesday, March 4.

No. 3 Company—Thursday, March 6.

No. 4 Company—Friday, March 7.

Band will practise playing on the March as directed by the Band President.

Officers will wear swords on practice parades and be exercised at sword drill by Company Commanders.

All ranks are required to attend the G.O.C.'s inspection unless specially exempted by the Commandant.

Applications for exemption supported by sufficient documentary or medical evidence to be submitted through Company Commanders.

Musketry Table "T" Rifle Parts I & II

The Portuguese Company will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues. Dress:—Optional but rifles and bayonets, belts and pouches must be taken. Launch will leave Hong Kong at 8 a.m. calling at Kowloon at 8.15 a.m.

Clothing and Equipment
O.C. Companies will please render a list of clothing and equipment that requires changing or renewing before G.O.C.'s inspection.

Corps Band
There will be a full Band Practice at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters in mufti on Tuesday. As this will be the last practice this month, all ranks are expected to be present.

The Battery
Musketry—The Battery will fire Table "T" Rifle Part I on Sunday, February 23. Full details will appear in next week's orders.

Parade at Headquarters for Gun Drill to-day, at 5.30 p.m.

Engineer Company
Sunday, February 23.—Company shoot at Peak Range, commence at 9.30 a.m. Dress: Musketry order, uniform or mufti optional.

Corps Signals
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20 for Flag Drill. Dress: Mufti.

Machine Gun Troop
Parade at Headquarters on Thursday, February 20 at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Armoured Car Company
Car Section and Motor Cycle Section parade at Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Machine Gun Company
There will be a full strength parade on Tuesday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for arms and sword drill, dress mufti, belt and

side arms. All ranks are asked to make a special effort to be present in view of the G.O.C.'s inspection and the fact that this will be the last parade this month.
The next Company rifle meeting will be held at the Peak Range at 9.30 a.m. in mufti on Sunday, March 2. All recruits are expected to attend.

Scottish Company
Parades. Thursday February 20.—Squad drill with arms. Belts and side arms will be worn.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lt. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Lt. H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company
Part I. Musketry—Part I. Musketry Table "T" will be fired by the Company at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 18. Dress: Optional but rifles and bayonets, belts and pouches must be taken.

Launch will leave Hong Kong at 8 a.m. calling at 8.15 a.m. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. J. R. Rodrigues.

Parades.—The Company will parade at Headquarters on Friday, February 21 at 5.30 p.m. for Company training. It is most essential that as many as possible will do their utmost to attend the next three Friday parades.

Reserve Company
Musketry.—The Company will fire Table "T" Rifle Part I. on Sunday, February 23. Full details will appear in next week's orders.

Annual Rifle Meeting
The ranges at Stonecutters have been allotted to the Corps on Sunday and Monday, April 20 and 21. All ranks are reminded of this event and are requested to keep the dates free.

Lecture
Lecture at 6.45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18 by E. I. Wynne-Jones on the Hong Kong Flying Club as affecting members of the H.K.V.D. Corps.

Marksmen
The following have qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:

Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E., No. 6 Platoon—94 points.

No. 1466 Pipe Major W. C. K. Mackie, No. 6 Platoon—98 points.

No. 309 Sgt. G. H. Cuthill, No. 6 Platoon—99 points.

No. 999 Pte. K. C. McLeannan, No. 7 Platoon—101 points.

Transfer
From No. 1 Platoon to No. 4 Platoon as from date—No. 1435 Pte. K. Stuart-Smith.

Promotions and Appointments
No. 1435 Pte. K. Stuart-Smith, No. 4 Platoon, to be Sergeant as from date.

No. 1540 Pte. R. E. Slattery, No. 2 Platoon, to be Sergeant as from date.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to date from February 1:—

Lieutenant Manna Alfred Johnson, M.M. to be Captain.

Lieut. Henry Russell Forsyth to be Captain.

Second Lieut. Alex Hutton-Potts to be Lieutenant.

Second Lieut. Jose Simao Rodrigues to be Lieutenant.

No. 1080 Sergt. Leslie Freer Nicholson to be Second Lieut.

Resignation
No. 1179 Pte. L. Gardner is permitted to resign from the Corps as from January 31.

Strength
The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1539 Pte. M. N. Cochrane, Machine Gun Troop, from February 6.

No. 1540 Pte. R. E. Slattery, No. 2 Platoon, from February 11.

No. 1541 Pte. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Headquarters, from February 12.

Leave
No. 1064 L/Sergt. H. West, Reserve Co., from February 15 to December 14.

No. 757 L/Sergt. W. M. Groves, Machine Gun Co., from February 19 to August 19.

No. 55 Piper F. D. Wilson, Reserve Co., from March 1 to December 15.

No. 1482 Pte. A. C. Barretto, No. 9 Platoon, from February 10 to April 9 (sick leave).

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In the legal world interest has centred on the decision in what is known as the "Diamonds Case" which concerns a claim against a Bank for a parcel of diamonds, lost in the Bank. The judgment of the Chief Justice is a most interesting one. At the Magistracy the trial has begun of so-called pirates' agents, who are arraigned on charges connected with alleged negotiations for the ransom of one of the victims of Dell Maru piracy.

The report has been published of the Star Ferry Company, whilst the annual meeting has been held of the Land Investment and Agency Co.—all will be found in the *Overland China Mail*.

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Some time ago, a paragraph in a newspaper opened a window of memory for me, writes J. E. Macrae, in the Blue Peter. The news item was to the effect that the Soviet Government had given orders that the old Imperial yacht Livadia should be broken up. It further stated that the yacht had been built for the Empress Marie Feodorovna and was of a peculiar construction, adopted in order that her august owner should not suffer from the motion of the vessel at sea. The Livadia was built, not for the Empress, Marie Feodorovna, but for her father-in-law, the Czar Alexander II of Russia, known as the "Liberator," since it was by his ukase that the serfs were made free. Apart from that, the news item was probably correct, for the yacht was old, had been neglected, and could not be of any use to the Soviet Government or to anyone else. Imagine the delight of an eager-eyed boy, even then crazy about ships, when he was invited to see the launching of the Imperial yacht Livadia at Fairfield shipyard on a bright July morning in 1880. It was his first launch; indeed, his first visit to a ship-yard. The strange ship had been the talk of Glasgow for months, and thousands were anxious to see her.

Eager Crowds

People in crowds were streaming through the great wide-open gates of the ship-yard; every point of vantage was black with people and thousands were massed on the opposite side of the river. A short walk through a dark workshop and we were at the foot of the gangway leading to the seats raised high beside the launching platform. Crowds everywhere, except on the raised platform under the bows of the strange ship. Looking up, we saw a graceful clipper bow surmounted by the double-headed eagle of Russia, crowned and bearing the sceptre and orb of Empire. Above, floated the Imperial Standard. All was quiet, save for the crash of topping mauls with which workmen were knocking away the shores which held the launching ways firmly together. Then a knot of people assembled on the platform and the sound of chanting made everyone look round to see a group of bearded priests of the Greek Church, in full canonicals, pass in procession to the platform, where a table was speedily transformed by them into an altar. The chanting died away, to be followed by the voice of prayer and the responses of the priests and acolytes. The chief priest, perhaps an archbishop, in his gorgeous vestment, stepped forward alone and dipped a bunch of hyssop into a vessel of holy water and blessed the ship, making the sign of the cross with the sprinkled water, first on one bow and then on the other. Then Mr. Pearce, the builder of the ship, hat in hand, led forward the young and beautiful Duchess of Montrose, who cut the last cord with a blow from a little golden axe. This released weights, which fell on the dog-shores and knocked them out. There was a long moment's pause, when every sound was stilled, except the chirp of an impudent sparrow—strange how that comes back—and then the great hull quivered and slid down the smoking ways and floated on the bosom of the Clyde, which

had floated many a ship, but surely never such a one as this.

The Russian Anthem

The band blared out the stately Russian National Anthem; the crowds cheered and cheered and presently began to melt away; and fussy tug-boats ranged up alongside the flag-decked Livadia to take her into the fitting-out basin.

The official luncheon followed, an affair of dainty food, long tables and spotless linen, the perfume of flowers, the uniforms of the Russian and British naval and military officers, the priests in their queer-looking brimless hats, a few beautiful gowned ladies, and the men mostly in frock-coats and top hats. The toasts were drunk—"The Queen," and the band played "God Save the Queen!" "His Majesty the Czar," and the band played "God Save Our Noble Czar"—a few brief speeches, and carriages with princeling horses took away the pretty ladies, the priests and the glittering officers, and the sounds of the hammers driving rivets home again broke out. The show was over and work resumed. That was a red-letter day in the boy's life. For the first time he had a glimpse into a new world, a world of Imperial power, where there were real kings and princesses, and officers standing at attention, and flowers in profusion and mysterious yachts, and an over-shadowing Czar, and all sorts of wonderful things.

Bulge on Her Sides

The Livadia seen in strict profile was at first slight much like any other big steam yacht. But view her end on, and the difference at once was apparent. On each side, close down to the water-line, there was a bulge, very much like the "blisters" on the sides of our modern battleships. She was the beamiest ship ever built. She had a hundred and fifty-three feet beam to an overall length of about two hundred and sixty feet, so that her shape, as seen from above, was a pointed oval. She had three funnels abreast, and five masts, or rather flag-poles, two abreast forward and two abreast aft and one in the centre. Her bridge extended right across the ship forward of the funnels. What a lovely walk that must have been for the captain or the officer of the watch! The "blister" was the real ship. The apparent ship was in reality a palace reared upon it for the comfort and pleasure of a Czar, who had no need to count the cost of his whims. The "blister" was flat on the bottom and rounded on the sides, and as it was wider than the structure above it, was bent over to meet it. It was, in a general way of speaking, as if a ship were sitting in a life-buoy. The idea was that the beam would give great steadiness at sea and the rounded underbody would allow any sea to run on it harmlessly and without break, thus doing away with pitching and rolling. That this was partially correct was soon shown in a gale in the Bay of Biscay, where the rolling was reported not to exceed a degree and a half. However, she rose on the steep seas and her great flat bottom, nearly an acre in area, smashed down on the sea and stove in some of her compartments, so that she was not altogether a success as a sea-boat. After this rough experience she was taken into Ferrol, in Spain, where she lay while men were sent from the builder's yard to repair the damage. This they had to do by building a coffer dam, for no dry-dock was wide enough to take her in. Her draught forward was only six feet six inches and sixteen feet six inches aft. The under-body contained the motive power—three separate sets of engines and boilers. The engines were three-cylinder compound, each of three thousand five hundred indicated horse-power and each driving a sixteen-foot-six-inch managess bronze propeller. Her designer hoped for a speed of fourteen knots, but she actually ran sixteen and a half knots on her trial trip.

A Floating Palace

It must not be thought that this ship of four thousand tons displacement and about eleven thousand tons measurement was merely a floating home for a Czar. She was the climax of years of work, study and experience of a brilliant Russian, Vice-Admiral Popoff. During the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-8 he had built some circular ironclads, one of which at least was a hundred and twenty feet in diameter. He thought that by building this type of shallow-draught ship he could get a steady gun platform for very big guns and get in near enough to bombard the Turkish coast towns. They were called "Popoffkas," after the inventor, and must have been boxes of contraptions, for they were said to have nine propellers to turn them in all directions and hold them there as requisite for aiming the guns. Popoff won over the Grand Duke Constantine completely to his ideas and the Livadia was the result. She was an experiment, on a

scale worthy of a Czar from which Popoff and his corps of engineers hoped great things. They thought she would revolutionise ocean travel. Everyone was to travel in comfort on steady ships. Mr. Pearce and his Clyde shipbuilders were under no such illusion. The Livadia had no successors.

Imperial Apartments

The Imperial apartments in the upper structure were spacious, and had twelve feet head room. Some of the saloons were magnificent, but there was nothing that has not been surpassed in comfort, luxury and spaciousness in recent Atlantic steamers, built for anyone to travel in. There was a touch of the bizarre in the decoration and colouring of the Crimean Tartar saloon, but we have become accustomed to Russian schemes of decoration since that time. A fountain rising from a flower bed was a unique part of the reception room on the upper deck. Convenient access to all the principal rooms was provided by a wide corridor which ran lengthwise and across the ship, and was floored and lined with marble, like a palace on shore. Large spaces of open deck surrounded the lofty deck-houses, so that they did not seem out of proportion. Outside the line of bulwarks a platform was supported by columns based on the under-body. This platform was for the working of the ship and on it were stowed the anchors, boats, etc. A large steam launch and two smaller launches were aft and there was an imposing array of gigs, cutters and lifeboats. A distinct novelty was the lighting of the large spaces by electric light. The system used was the Japloko! are light of three hundred and fifty candle power, and so crude was the installation at that early date, that the feed wires were not even insulated. Early in her first commission an unfortunate stoker was killed by a bare live wire, which led to a suggestion that such wires would have to be enclosed, so as to prevent such accidents in future. It should be remembered that Edison had just invented the incandescent light, but it was not yet ready for use on ship-board.

The Grand Duke

The Grand Duke Alexander, for many years head of the Russian Navy, and now living in New York, has informed the writer that she was found unsuitable for carrying passengers owing to her unusual motion at sea in merely fresh weather, and that she was taken over by the navy and renamed *Opiti*, meaning "Experiment." Her engines were taken out and placed separately in gunboats, and she was used as a machinery storehouse and school for submarine mining. He added there was no way to dry-dock her, but that they managed to clean her bottom by careening her with the aid of a one-sided floating dock they had at Sebastopol. The Czar never saw his yacht. He was assassinated in his own capital in March, 1881, the year following the launch. The new Czar had a new yacht built on ordinary lines, while the Livadia lay neglected at Sebastopol.

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February 14 to 20, 1930.

Date	High Water		Low Water	
	Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Feb. 14	11 13	4.5	4 38	0.8
15	10 25	7.9	3 48	2.6
16	11 43	4.7	5 13	0.5
17	11 15	7.5	4 38	2.4
18	0 14	4.9	5 47	1.0
19			5 31	2.3
20	0 6	6.8	6 11	1.6
21	0 46	6.1	6 18	2.3
22	1 31	6.3	7 9	2.6
23	2 15	6.1	7 38	2.7
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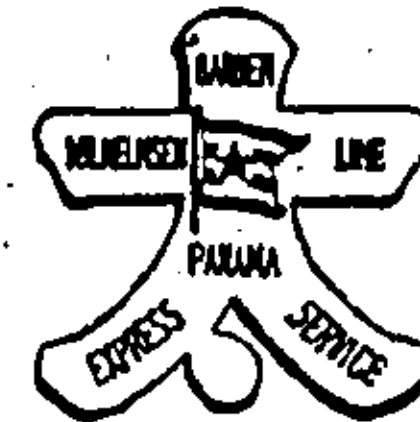
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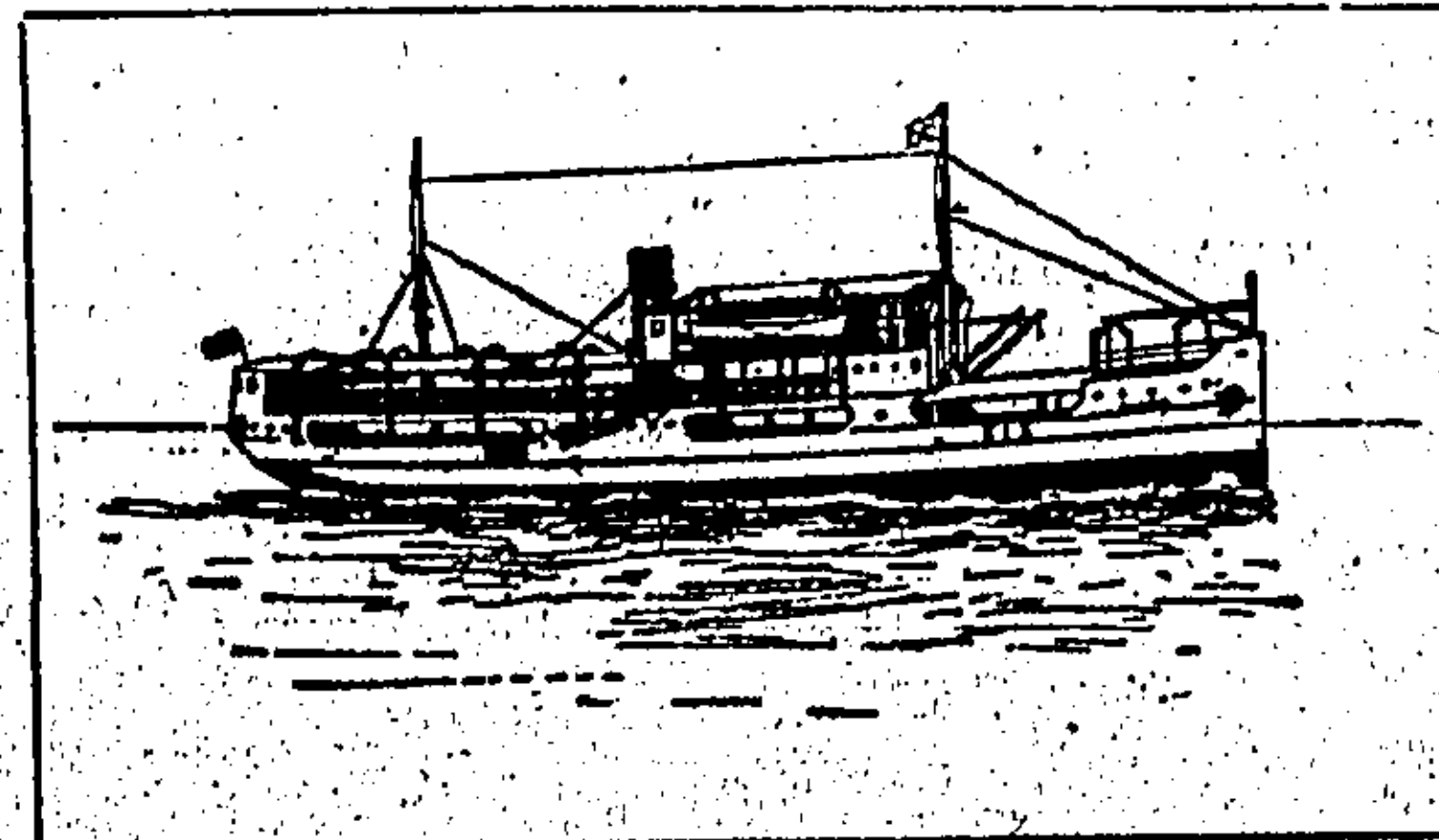
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LOCAL HOUSING PROBLEM

In a letter to the *China Mail* the other day, "Statistician" remarked that it was his belief that the European population of Hong Kong was dwindling. Although no evidence of his interesting statement has been obtainable by inquiry, there should be no cause for astonishment, if he be correct, that this should be so. Indeed, the surprise is that there are so many Europeans left in this Colony. They are considered in no way, but are at the mercy of building speculators, and enslaved by conditions which should not for one moment be allowed to exist.

Strong terms are these, requiring perhaps a modicum of qualifying fact. Yet the evidence is bristling around us if we will only see it. What greater shame, for instance, may be laid to the charge of Government than the housing conditions obtaining in the Colony? Even an indifferent or too tolerant, because tired, public can scarcely upon reflection overlook the grave negligence of the authorities in failing to secure adequate, or even decent living, conditions for young men who accept service in this Colony. The newcomer must shift for himself as best he can. According to his salary he is hustled to an hotel, a pension, or a boarding house, or is forced to share his life often in the sometimes uncongenial surroundings of a private family, as a lodger, or, in the higher strata, as a paying guest.

With a married couple conditions are even worse. Houses of a decent size at moderate rents are unobtainable, and in consequence large families have frequently no alternative than to exist miserably in a diminutive flat or even in a couple of inordinately-priced rooms.

The responsible delinquent, ipso facto, is none but the Government, which has failed to discharge the duty of a public administration in securing the welfare of those placed under its protection. Every evil has a cause, and the root of that which we are agitating is embedded in the disgraceful freedom which private enterprise is allowed to enjoy unrestrictedly in landed property. Under the guise of so-called schemes of development, vested interests are encouraged to buy valuable Crown land at disproportionately cheap figures and to build upon it the worst types of architectural monstrosities that may be conceived. Owing to the lack of a Town Planning Department, any individual or company may buy valuable property at as low a sum as one dollar a foot and, provided the plans do not disagree too violently with the local by-laws, may erect buildings of any shape, size or ugliness. A greater evil is the disgraceful "squeeze" which is forced upon the unfortunate tenant, who is made to consider himself an extremely favoured individual should he secure a highly-priced flat which would harm the reputation of a Jerry builder for its paucity of comfort or design.

It is one of the saddest, most glaring signs of colonial apathy that Hong Kong should possess no Government Town Planning Department, or an expert town planner and architect to restrict the growth of ugliness in concrete which the building contractors are heaping up without hindrance.

It appears to be beyond the capabilities of the authorities to place an option on eligible sites which are fast disappearing into the hands of speculative builders, and to subsidise a housing scheme which would adequately meet the acute demands of European residents.

In the Federated Malay States, where the housing question is by no means a pressing one, although exploitation by the Chetlar community is rife, the Government has a Town Planning Department under expert guidance. Surely that which is possible in the F.M.S. is also possible in this

Cinderella of British Possessions. There ought to be men in the local Public Works Department who possess the necessary qualifications and experience to advise and even to formulate a moderate housing scheme, and the Treasury Department should be only too eager to take up the question of standardised rents of private property and an increase of the prices of Crown lands.

The trouble lies, we are reluctant to decide, in the opposition of certain vested interests to any reform or development likely to endanger their swollen incomes. There may be a few small voices that, knowing the truth, sometimes have the courage to call out against this evil, but they are at the mercy of the mighty.

News in Brief

Two cases of smallpox were notified yesterday.

There will be no dinner dance in the Hong Kong Hotel to-morrow. Dinner, as usual, a la carte and table d'hôte will be served in the Roof Garden.

Charged with cruelty to 39 chickens in two crates, a Hakka woman pleaded guilty, and was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning fined \$10.

Among arrivals on the round-the-world ship Empress of Australia was Mr. Paul Sykes, Canadian Trade Commissioner, who has been on a business trip to Manila.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales has been pleased to grant Raphael Tuck & Sons, Limited, the honour of the Royal Warrant of Appointment as Fine Art Publishers to His Royal Highness.

The *China Mail* has received from the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., copies of a very useful wall calendar, in which the Company's world-wide travel services are emphasised.

The Old Bedfordian dinner will be held in the Hong Kong Club on March 8. Old Bedfordians are asked to communicate with Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, care of Messrs. Arnold & Co., Ltd., for further particulars.

It is advertised that the twenty-fifth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Union Water-boat Co., Ltd., will be held in the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on Monday, March 10, at 11 a.m.

With two previous convictions against him, an unemployed Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced to four months' jail with hard labour for the theft of six iron bars from the Yau Wah firm building contractors in Leichikok Road.

A Trojan motor lorry belonging to the Hong Kong Electric Co. was being driven from Conduit Road into Robinson Road, yesterday when it skidded and toppled over on its side. The lorry was badly damaged, but the driver (a Chinese) was lucky to escape with only slight injury to his forearm.

Property worth \$46 was reported by a boat mistress named Lau Sze, to have been stolen from her junk between 6 p.m. on Wednesday and 6 a.m. yesterday. She suspects a man whom she had allowed to sleep on the junk on Wednesday night, but who was not on board when she awoke in the morning.

The annual show of flowers and vegetables, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, will be held in the City Hall on Thursday, March 6. The show will be opened from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Further particulars may be learned from an advertisement appearing in this issue of the *China Mail*.

The death has occurred suddenly of Mr. Leung Che-ting, who was for 36 years cashier of the Hong Kong Hotel. Death occurred in his 70th year of age. He is survived by two sons and eight daughters. A native of Canton his wish to be buried there will be carried out. The funeral takes place this afternoon, when the remains will be taken to the Tung Wah Rest House, prior to removal to Canton.

Chau Man-king, another man who had taken part in the negotiations with the accused gave evidence before Mr. A. W. G. H. Ganiham yesterday afternoon in the case in which two Chinese are charged with acting as agents for pirates in carrying out negotiations for the ransom of a Chinese engineer named Hsu who was captured by pirates after the attack on board the Japanese s.s. *Deli Maru*.

TSUN WAN MURDER CASE

COUNSEL'S APPEAL FOR DISCHARGE

ACCUSED REMANDED

Leung Lin, of the Yan Wo Tong medicine shop, Tsun Wan, who was too ill to appear in Court last week, came before Mr. J. S. MacLaren, Assistant District Officer, New Territories, at the District Court this morning, charged with the murder, with others not in custody, of Li Shing, at Tsun Wan on the night of January 13-14.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for defendant. At the outset, Mr. Andrewes stated that as Police investigations were still proceeding he did not propose to open the case, but to take only the formal evidence of the constable who was sent out to bring defendant to the station on the night of January 15.

Constable's Evidence
Lau Hing, a constable attached to Tsun Wan Police Station, was then called. He stated that at 5.10 or 5.15 p.m. on that night he went to the Yan Wo Tong medicine shop, on the instructions of Det.-Inspector Reynolds, and there saw the defendant, who he had known before by sight. He told defendant that he was wanted at the Police Station in connection with the murder. He then took the man to the station, so that enquiries could be made. He had no warrant, but explained to defendant what he was wanted for. On arrival at the station he handed the man over to sub-inspector Dorland. Questioned as to the clothes worn at the time by defendant, witness said that he was dressed in dark native clothing. The coat was similar to the one defendant had on in Court. The trousers, however, were different.

An Explanation
Cross-examined by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, witness said he had been attached to Tsun Wan Police Station about two months at the time. When he arrived at the medicine shop he saw defendant, and asked him if he was the son of the master of the place was in. Defendant then replied: "I am the master's son."

Mr. Lo: Did you ask him to come along to the Police Station with you to see the Inspector.—Yes.
Did you tell him then that he was to be charged with murder.—Yes, I did.

In that case he was under arrest the moment you saw him.—Witness seemed a little uncertain, but answered in the affirmative.

Det.-Inspector Reynolds interposed to explain to His Worship that in no case would the Chinese constable have been empowered to effect the arrest himself. This would only be done after he had seen a responsible officer at the Police Station.

Containing, witness said that defendant was questioned at the station, and made certain answers in the presence of an Inspector.
Mr. Lo Protests
Mr. Lo here rose to make a formal protest against the further detention of his client. The man had at present been in prison nearly a month, and it was proposed to adjourn the case again so that the police could continue their investigations. The interests of justice, he contended, would now be served by the formal discharge of defendant.

Mr. Andrewes: There are strong grounds for suspicion against this man. He was found with bloodstains on his clothing. He was also seen with the other two men who are sought, and is known to have communicated with them. The grounds for suspicion against the other two, and one of them in particular, are very strong. Under the circumstances, he must be detained.

Mr. Lo replied that if the charge could be substantiated by witnesses, or other circumstantial evidence was brought by the Crown, the case could proceed. He repeated his request for discharge of defendant.

Mr. Andrewes stated that it was the proper procedure to make reasonable enquiries.
His Worship: In the interests of justice we are entitled to remand the case so as to give the Police a chance to make enquiries. Defendant was accordingly remanded until Friday, February 21, at 10 a.m.

TRAIN BLOWN OFF

Carriages Plunge Into River

Tokyo, To-day.
Seven railway carriages were overturned, three plunging into the river, last night, when a passenger train was blown off a bridge during a snow-storm at Hokkaido. A number of casualties is reported.—Reuter.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

Good Drama at the Queen's

"THE VALIANT"

Picture-goers should make a point of seeing "The Valiant," which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre. Although most of us are by now more or less familiar with the usual run of situations in the crook-cum-prison film drama, this picture has some well worked up and excellently played scenes, and—at last—a logical and natural ending.

The action is strongly dramatic, and only very occasionally lapses into sentimentality of the rosy-round-the-door, grey-haired mother, and what have you, variety. This theme is well handled, and not over-emphasised—for which relief much thanks!

The success of the film is largely due to the acting. Marguerite Churchill, in the star part, has a pleasing presence, and a very clear enunciation. She plays with great restraint, and is very ably supported by Paul Muni, who has the part of the convict brother, condemned for murder, who steadfastly refuses to admit his identity, even to his sister. The "big" scene between the two, in the Gaol Warden's office, is finely acted, and should appeal to even the most jaded film goer.

The minor parts are well taken, De Witt Jennings's "warden" being a bit of really finished playing.

Besides the main feature there is a Fox Movietone, in the course of which we are waffled away to Fiji, there to "see and hear" the native dancers. The throwing of a smoke screen over New York; by planes, is also realistically depicted, and other items make up an interesting news reel. There is also an amusing talkie comedy.

The least successful film, one thought, was a musical "interlude" in which a jazz orchestra played two or three tunes, and a tenor of the melting variety sang what was evidently meant to be a pathetic ballad about a girl in France. The chorus of this masterpiece (which is, of course, in waltz time) has lines ending in "me" and "cherie," "again" and "Selma" and "cry" and "Good-bye." There are other words to fit the melody, which in itself is not unacceptable.

Nevertheless, in spite of this one weak spot, the programme is an excellent one. A special word of praise is due to the Queen's orchestra for its rendition of the opening overture.

"Show Boat" Role

More extras worked in Universal's super picture, "Show Boat" which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre, than in any other production ever made by Universal. Laura La Plante appears in this production of Edna Ferber's novel with Joseph Schildkraut sharing honours.

More than 20,000 days of extra work were allotted to 6,000 different extras during the three months' period of production.

Some of the biggest sets included the Show Boat interior filled to capacity of 600 for a week, the huge crowds at the boat landing, totalling 1,000, 300 in the interior of Jopper's Theatre, the crowds for three gambling hall sets and various smaller crowds used during production. All crowd scenes ran at a minimum of three days.

At an average of \$5 a person, the use of extras alone in this gigantic super production totalled \$100,000.

All types of extras were used and costumes were furnished for all of them in various periods between 1880 and the present.

Harry Pollard directed "Show Boat," while the supporting cast includes Otis Harlan, Alma Rybens, Emily Fitzroy, Elsie Bartlett, Neely Edwards, Jane La Verne, Blanche Craig, Max Asher, and Theodore Lorch.

NANNING CAPTURED?

Nanning, Yesterday.
It is reported that Nanning has been captured by General Hung Shao-hung. General Li Ming-shu is reported to have retired to Po Se to join General Yu Tsak-pak.—Naval Wireless Service.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail,"
February 14, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 7¼d.

Our Busy P.W.D.—Placing the tips of his fingers together, and gazing reflectively at the ceiling, Sherlock Holmes remarked that the P.W.D. was exceedingly busy just now. The P.W.D.? Busy? The doctor was naturally startled, and asked the great man how he knew.
"Really, my dear Watson," he replied, "it is quite simple. I happened to be passing yesterday afternoon at about 4.30 o'clock, which you may notice was a Friday, and I saw their offices were all lighted up."

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GUIDE FOR ISLAND AND MAINLAND

"Glorious Hong Kong." This apt description was used by the Bishop of London in bidding farewell to the Colony recently. And as he was more a missionary than a tourist in the ordinarily accepted sense of the word his impression of Hong Kong must be taken as it stands without any idea of comparison with other places in the itinerary of the pleasure-seeking globe trotter. But "glorious Hong Kong" can never mean anything to the visitor by liner who comes ashore merely to "stretch his legs" and to "see what there is to see" without any preconceived notions of arranging a systematic programme within the limited time at his disposal.

"Call at Cook's." Yes; that may sound like a way out. And if not Cook's then at the Hong Kong Hotel's Tourist Bureau, or the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's agency or the American Express Company. But—and there is always a "but" for the tourist in a strange land—great as is the work that these concerns do on behalf of the tourist, if each and every individual on a liner containing hundreds of passengers all resolved on the same course of action on landing in Hong Kong they would assuredly crowd out the enquiry offices of the afore-mentioned concerns. True, these prepare for tourist liners and arrange schedules of tours and time tables—some dividing the visitors into several personally conducted parties—but why should that information not be at the disposal of the tourist beforehand? That is the intention of the present "Tourist Supplement" to the China Mail.

A Word About Hong Kong
Of books and other literature on Hong Kong there is a plethora. Even to attempt to condense that information here might be wearisome to some, although welcome to others. There must be a happy mean. Statistics need not necessarily be dry-as-dust. Much depends on the manner of their presentation and their ability to grip the interest of the reader. Every school boy knows that Hong Kong is a British Colony

lying off the south-east coast of China at the estuary of the Chu-kiang River (commonly called the Canton River). The Colony is not confined to the Island; it includes a small portion of the mainland on the Peninsula of Kowloon and the New Territories. The capital of the Colony is called Victoria, and the extreme length of the Island is eleven miles and the breadth two to five miles. There is a British Governor with a Legislative Council. The Colony is also the headquarters of the South China Command, British Army, and a naval station.

The Peak by Night
From the deck of the steamer the city of Victoria is overshadowed by a range of hills, called Victoria Peak, on which at night scintillate hundreds of electric lights, resembling a glimpse of fairyland. It is a sight that is never forgotten—a sight that can always enchant the oldest resident as well as the newcomer. The Island is separated from the mainland by a narrow strait, which makes an excellent harbour the approaches to which from the ocean are dotted with green-capped islets that rival in beauty even the great harbour of Sydney. And even that beauty is eclipsed by the scenery on the Island itself and on the mainland.

The possibilities of sight-seeing on the part of the visitor are always, of course, circumscribed by the brevity of his stay in the port. With only a day at one's disposal the most must be made of the time so as to take in even in a fleeting manner as much as possible of the local sights. When a stay of two or even three days is made, then, naturally the visitor can pick and choose what he would like to see and to omit that which may not particularly appeal to him. As one man's meat may be another man's poison, so one type of scenery or one place of interest may draw a crowd and still leave others cold and impressionless. But no tourist can afford to leave out the ascent of the Peak, undertaking the journey by motor car to the Peak Hotel, thence by sedan chair to the Signal Station and returning by chair to the Hotel and making the descent by tram car.

Three Tours
Many suitable trips on the Island and in the New Territories could be suggested to the tourist here for a day or so. The following three are all easily accessible and have been drawn up so as to give the visitor a fair indication of the beauties of the Colony.

Tour 1
The party should start at about 11.45 a.m. by motor car from the centre of the town and proceed past the Lower Tram Station to Government House, the Dairy Farm, and Upper Road to Repulse Bay. Tiffin at Repulse Bay Hotel, about noon.

Leaving Repulse Bay at 2 p.m. and proceeding round the Island via Quarry Bay and Happy Valley arriving back in town about 2.45 p.m. Distance covered about thirty miles.

Tour 2
Commencing from centre of town, via Lower Peak Tram Station and as above to Repulse Bay, thence the Peak Hotel via Stubbs-road. Finishing with auto at the Peak Hotel.

From the Peak Hotel the ascent by chair to the Flag Staff should not be missed. Descent to the City may be made by the Peak Tramway. Chair and Tram fares are not included in the above fares.

Tour 3

Distance sixty miles; Time 3½ hours. Commencing at Kowloon Ferry via Castle Peak, Fanling Golf Course, Tai-po and Shatin, finishing at Kowloon Ferry. Round the Island
What has been well described as one of the most magnificent drives in the world is that by motor car round the Island. The route followed is from Queen's-road, past Government House and the Botanic Gardens, along Caine-road, Bonham-road, past the University of Hong Kong, along Pokfulam-road, Aberdeen-road, and Repulse Bay, where a stop can be had for refreshments or the more enjoyable tiffin. Leaving Repulse Bay Hotel the journey is proceeded with to Stanley Bay, Tytamuk Reservoir, and Sai Wan Gap and thence to Shaikwan. Within a short time Talkoo Dock is reached, and from

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CLOISONNE

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To put it in a nut-shell Cloisonne is a kind of fine pottery with enamelled surface decorated with elaborate designs, the outlines of which are formed by small bands or fillets of metal. Many years ago the Byzantines excelled in this class of work, but at the present time China leads in Cloisonne Ware.

The production of a certain piece takes time, and requires very careful attention in all the different stages to produce perfect workmanship.

In the first place a design is drawn on a thin copper shell (already modelled to the desired object—it may be a vase, box or tray), and is then outlined with silver.



gold or brass wire. The shell is then dipped in enamel and subjected to a good firing which holds the wire in position, forming the design.

The first colours are then applied, this process is continued according to the quality of the work, until such time as the wired design is filled in with the enamel.

So far so good—now the most difficult part is undertaken, that is the polishing. Under a steady flow of cold water the object is polished with a special kind of brimstone and great care is taken that no foreign matter is embedded in the polishing stone, which would cause the slightest surface scratch. If this happened the work of months and years is completely destroyed. Yet careful attention will overcome this and the finished article will remain a joy to the eye and the most wonderful piece of work one could ever imagine.

The vase reproduced above is one of a pair of vases exhibited at Messrs. Komor & Komor. They stand five feet high and are supposed to be the largest pair of cloisonné vases in the world.

The outstanding colour is a beautiful crimson. The flowers and leaves are all in their natural colours, and complete a really wonderful piece of superb art. Considering the height of the vases they are exceptionally light in weight.

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there it is a very short drive back to the original point of departure.

The entire drive covers a distance of 26 miles, but the scenery en route cannot adequately be described in mere prose. It has to be seen to be appreciated as it deserves. Next to the ascent and descent of the Peak it is a trip that no tourist should omit from his programme of sight-seeing.

Other Places of Interest

Apart from motor launches that take the visitor to Stonecutters' Island and numerous inlets, abounding in most beautiful scenery, there is much to entertain, amuse and instruct without resort to vehicles. The Chinese curio shops and Indian stores cannot well be passed over by those in search of novelty or for a souvenir of their visit to this enchanted Isle. There is "China Town," teeming with thousands of Chinese living in narrow streets where one can almost stretch hands across the "thoroughfare," and where glimpses may be had of typical Chinese life in all its varied phases.

A good combination is a bus or motor car drive to Aberdeen and a tour through the Chinese fishing village. If time permits there is also a quaint little hamlet, Ap-pichau, which can be reached in a few minutes by sampan. The return journey from Aberdeen can be made by launch, in which case the scenery fringing the harbour approaches will be found very refreshing after the spell through the Chinese quarters of Aberdeen and Ap-pichau.

For the individual who cares not for the joys of motoring a casual walk through the heart of the city will reveal much of interest in the way of public buildings and statues, including—although some way out—the University of Hong Kong. There are taxicabs and jinrikishas, not to mention sedan

chairs, but in the case of the two latter the legal fare should always be ascertained beforehand as otherwise the "stranger within the gates" may find himself the victim of profiteering.

Chair and Jinrikisha Fares

For chairs the tariff is—two bearers—15 cents for the first ten minutes; 20 cents for a quarter of an hour; 30 cents for half an hour; 40 cents for one hour; and 25 cents for every subsequent hour. For four bearers the fares are exactly double, with the exception that every subsequent hour after the first is charged 40 cents.

Jinrikisha charges are: 10 cents for 10 minutes; 20 cents for a quarter of an hour; 30 cents for half an hour; and 40 cents for an hour.

Kowloon and New Territories

A reference to Kowloon has already been made in the third of the suggested tours—namely, to Castle Peak, Fanling, Tai-po and Shatin.

A good afternoon's outing can be spent at Kowloon City, omnibuses to which run from the Star Ferry at Kowloon Point (10 cents fare from Hong Kong to Kowloon). En route a glimpse is afforded of the whole of the Kowloon Bay, with Lyemoun Pass in the distance.

Eventually the granite wall of the old city of Kowloon will be reached, containing the old-time residence of the official representative of the Emperor of China.

There is also a School for the Blind, where dainty articles may be purchased.

Returning by a bus marked "Yau-mat!" the tourist can alight in Jordan-road and spend an enjoyable time in King's Park, where are laid out football, tennis, and bowls grounds for various Clubs and institutions.

As an alternative visit may be commended to Kowloon Tong, which lies off the main bus and motor road in Kowloon, namely, Nathan Road. This is destined to be a model settlement and garden

city combined, and the self-contained houses, each with a strip of garden, are a distinct change from the row upon row of flats which the vehicles pass in Nathan and other roads in Kowloon.

Lovers of lawn bowls are well catered for. Besides the rinks of the Club de Recreio at King's Park there are bowling greens at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, in Austin Road (off Nathan Road), the Kowloon Cricket Club, and the Kowloon Dock. Tennis can be had at many Club courts at King's Park, at the United Services Club (opposite King's Park), the Kowloon Cricket Club, and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Football

is played at King's Park and on the ground of the Kowloon Football Club, facing the harbour in Chatham Road. Cricket is provided at King's Park and at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Sport in Hong Kong

On the island there is no end to the variety of outdoor sport to be indulged in or watched, the principal ground being at Happy Valley, which can be reached in a very short time by tramcar, taxi-cab, or motor car, not to mention the slower jinrikisha if time is no object. There is a fine Racecourse, where races are held at various periods from the middle of February to the beginning of December.

Of other sports to be had at Happy Valley, there are football ("Soccer" and Rugby codes), cricket, baseball, and tennis. The "home" of local cricket is the Hong Kong Cricket Club opposite Murray Barracks in Queen's Road. It is on this ground that interport matches are played, teams coming once in two years from Shanghai and less frequently from Malaya.

Where to Dine or Stay

For the tourist cooped up at sea for days on end there are many facilities for lunch (or tiffin) and dinner, including the Hong Kong Hotel in Pedder Street; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, in Des Voeux Road (along which the tramcars run); also the Kowloon Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel in Kowloon (a few minutes' drive from the Ferry in a jinrikisha).

In Des Voeux Road and other streets there are many Chinese restaurants for those who like to sample Chinese dishes.

Miscellaneous Information

The Radio Telegraph Office (near the Post Office) is open day and night for the transmission and reception of radio messages and for reporting vessels entering the harbour. The charge to most vessels is 30 cents per word with a minimum charge of \$3.

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The principal exchange banks are: The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, the Mercantile Bank of India, and the City National Bank of New York (International Banking Corporation)—all situated in Queen's Road Central.

For other useful information concerning Hong Kong the tourist may be recommended to purchase a copy of the "Dollar Directory" published at 3A, Wyndham Street. Passengers should keep in touch with Home and local affairs by purchasing the China Mail—the oldest newspaper in the Colony—which is published daily at 10 cents per copy; or the Hong Kong Sunday Herald published early on Sunday mornings.

Canton
The commercial Capital and most interesting City of South China, is in direct communication with Hong Kong by steamer and railway. There are daily services of steamers both directions. The journey is about 5½ to 8 hours by steamer, according to steamer and tide, and 4½ hours by train.

On arrival in Canton visitors are met by an experienced and competent guide who has conducted the principal visitors through this fascinating City for many years. The tour usually embraces Chun-ka-chi Ancestral Temples, Temples of the 500 Genii, City of the Dead,

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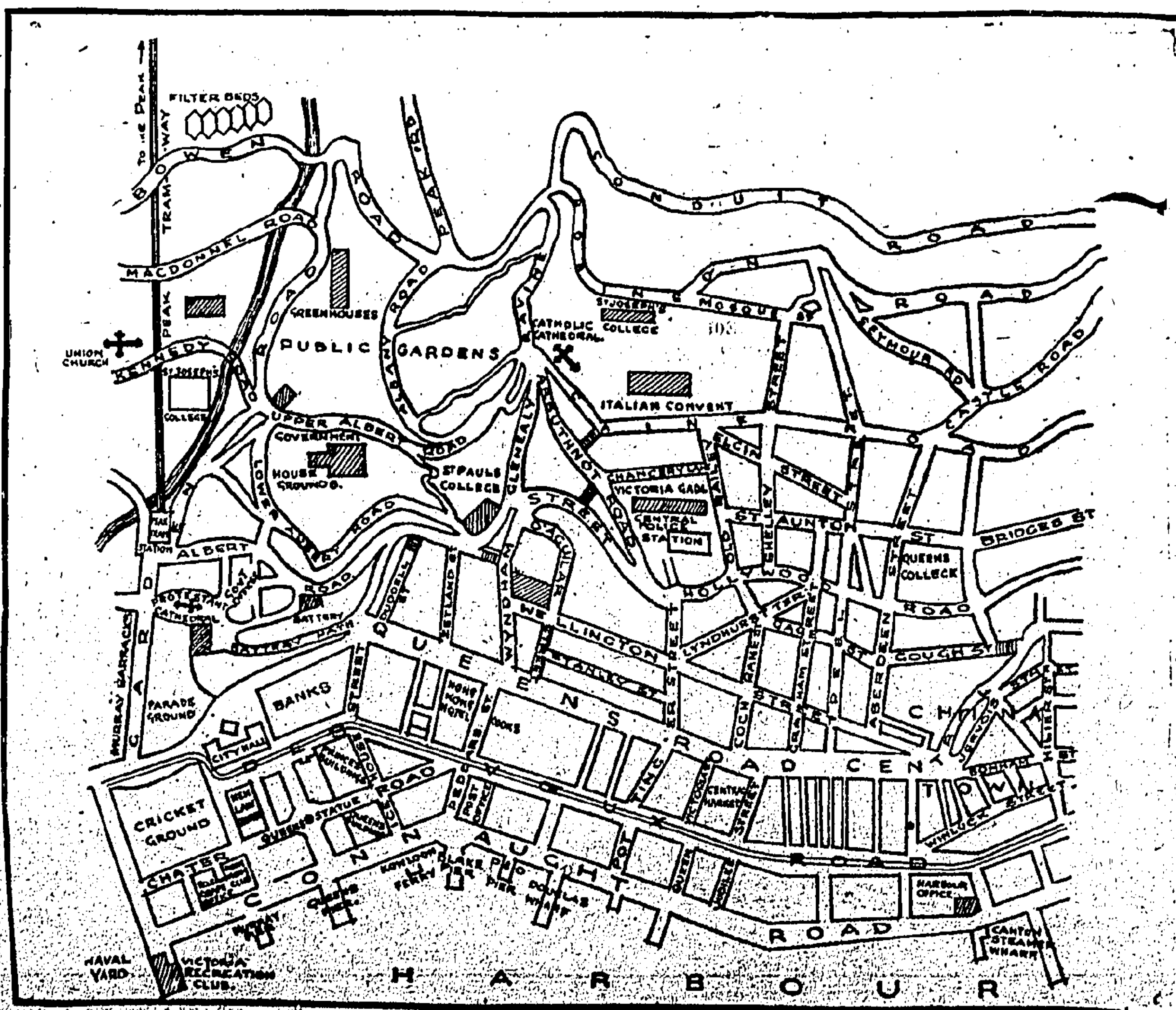
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Mainland	Feet
Tajmashan	5124
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HONG KONG

Facts About the Colony

Hong Kong is an island about 10 miles long and from 2 to 6 1/2 miles broad, with a total area of 32 square miles; it lies close to the mainland, being separated at one point by a narrow strait (Lyemoo) not more than a quarter-mile wide, and was first occupied by Great Britain in January, 1841, and was formally ceded by the Treaty of Nanking in 1842; British Kowloon was subsequently acquired by the Peking Convention of 1860; and the New Territories, being a peninsula in the southern part of the Kwangtung province, by a lease signed June 9, 1898. The whole colony comprises an area of about 391 square miles, with a population (1921) of 662,200 (1925, est. 874,420). The non-Chinese residents, excluding naval and military, numbered about 15,200 (1925, est. 16,500).

A Free Port

The capital of the colony is Victoria, which lies along the northern shore of the island, facing the mainland; and between the mainland and the city is the harbour which is one of the finest in the world, with a water area of some 10 square miles. With the exception of liquor and tobacco the port is free, and is fortified. It possesses excellent locks, capable of holding the largest vessels for the purposes of repair. There is a considerable ship repairing and construction industry. Shipping entered (1923) 26,701,120 tons. A railway, of which 23 miles belong to the Government, runs from Kowloon to Canton; the length north of the Sham Chun River (which is

the boundary of the British territory) is controlled by the Chinese Government. A light railway runs through the fertile valleys of the north-east portion of the New Territories from Fanling to Shau-ko-kok, a distance of 7 miles. Good roads connect the principal districts with the railway.

Climate

The island is broken in shape and mountainous, the highest point being Victoria Peak, which is about 1,820 feet high. The Peak District is a favourite place of residence, and is reserved for Europeans. The new Territories contain peaks from 1,500 to 3,000 feet. The hot season lasts from May to October. During the winter months, from November to March, the climate is cooler, drier, and more invigorating. The average daily maximum temperature ranges from 87 degrees in July to 63 degrees in February, and the average daily minimum temperature from 78 degrees in July to 55 degrees in February. The average annual rainfall is 84 in., of which no less than 75 per cent. falls between May and September, when the S.W. monsoon prevails.

Vast Trade

Hong Kong is the centre of a vast trade in many kinds of produce, chiefly camphor, coal, cottons, flour, gunnies, hides, iron and steel goods, leather, matches, oils, rice, silks, sugar, tea and tin.

Much encouragement is given by the Government to education in the Colony. In 1924 there were 1,079 schools subject to Government supervision, attended by 58,930 pupils. The University (opened in 1912) includes faculties of medicine, engineering, and arts.

Hong Kong is a Crown colony, and its government is administered by a Governor, aided by an Executive Council of 9 members.

BUDDHIST MONK

Find In Shrine Of Old Canton

A gold bronze image of a Buddhist Monk from shrine was discovered during the demolition of the City Walls of Old Canton, and is 3 feet 9 inches high.



TRANSLATION OF INSCRIPTION.

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ADORABLE CURIO SHOPS

Hong Kong's chief attraction is its adorable curio shops. As you step out of the revolving door of the Hong Kong Hotel into the dry cold which is so stimulating to the visitor, the first object of attention is perhaps the flower market, whose wealth of colour catches the eye at once, but, as you make eagerly in the direction of Flower Street, the fascinating shop windows burst upon you in their full glory each one more entrancing than the last. The variety of articles made to tempt money from the pocket of a Scrooge is amazing and what is still more so is that in all this wealth of choice there is scarcely an un-beautiful object.

What can one buy? For the collector there is porcelain, old and new, carved ivory, Japanese and Cantonese, enamel work, lacquer, jade, paintings on silk and on rice paper, and among modern work, trifles in Chinese silver and the rather beautiful clear glass fashionable just now. The house-proud may revel in blackwood furniture, Foochow lacquer, lovely Tientsin carpets, or silk embroidered cushions, while the merely vain will sigh for necklaces of Peking crystal, jade, ivory and amber, for gorgeous Canton shawls or for delicately carved ivory toilet sets. There is something for every taste and for every purse. It is, however, emphatically a case of "Caveat Emptor" for whatever piece of porcelain the unwary visitor admires promptly becomes Ming or Sung, very cheap, \$50. Now it has to be remembered that Chinese porcelain is a life study and not to be lightly undertaken by a novice, that real Ming or Sung would cost nearer \$500 than \$50, and that experts from all over the world are commissioned by the big dealers to buy fine pieces as they come on the market. In the circumstances it is unlikely that the amateur will make any sensational bargains, and the best line to take is to select something you really like and, disregarding the fancy price asked, offer what it is worth to you. You may not get all the lovely things you covet but you will get a proportion of them. There is one shop, however, where prices are more or less fixed and one may obtain a piece of genuine Sung for \$900 or so; it contains specimens of every kind of object de vertu that China produces and is well worth a visit even from those who have no intention of buying.

Well Designed

Blackwood furniture will attract many. It seems marvellously cheap in Hong Kong compared with Singapore and the small pieces are easily carried back. It must be confessed that much of the modern blackwood furniture being made now is atrocious and too many drawing-rooms in Hong Kong are filled with its funereal contortions to their utter confusion, nevertheless much of it is well made, well designed and well carved and an ounce of taste on the buyer's part will procure some charming examples. Jade is another commodity over which the novice stands a good chance of being really well "done down" and would be wise to seek the help of a connoisseur before spending much money.

It is possible even in the three days allowed, to go to Canton where ivory and wood-carving is carried on, and buy there; the present generalissimo is favourable to the British and the trip can be made at night by steamer returning the following afternoon. There is much to see there but most of us will probably have had enough of travel by water for the time being and be satisfied with bargain chasing in Hong Kong.

PROGRAMME FOR HONG KONG

For convenience in identification and for ready recognition of party labels on motor cars, etc., the members of the Cruise will be designated as follows:—

Party "A" (Red Card).
Party "B" (White Card).

PARTY "A" (Red Card)

Friday, February 14.

The Empress of Australia is expected to arrive 8 a.m. and berth alongside Kowloon Wharf, less than two minutes' walk from Kowloon-Hong Kong Ferry Wharf. Morning of arrival free. Ferry tickets Kowloon to Hong Kong and back provided.

Lunch on board Empress of Australia.
2.05 p.m.—Leave Empress of Australia.

2.15 p.m.—Ferry leaves for Hong Kong.

2.30 p.m.—Automobiles will be waiting at Blake Pier, less than one minute's distance from Ferry landing, for trip around the Island via Causeway Bay, Shau-ki-wan and Tytam Reservoir to Repulse Bay Hotel.

3.45 p.m.—Tea at Repulse Bay Hotel.
4.45 p.m.—Continue ride around the Island via Deep Water Bay, Aberdeen, Pokfulam, the University, Government House, Botanical Gardens, Garden Road to Ferry Wharf. By Ferry to Kowloon.

7 p.m.—Automobiles will be available to convey guests to and from Dock Gate and the Peninsula Hotel.

7.30 p.m.—Dinner will be served in the Peninsula Hotel.

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Lunch on board Empress of Australia.

7 p.m.—Automobiles will be available to convey guests to and from Dock Gate and the Peninsula Hotel.

7.30 p.m.—Dinner will be served in the Peninsula Hotel.

9-12 midnight.—Dance at Peninsula Hotel.

Saturday, February 15.

On this day Party "B" will be divided into two groups:—

GROUP "1"

Breakfast on board Empress of Australia.
9 a.m.—Automobiles will be waiting at Dock Gate, one minute's walk from ship side, for a 60-mile trip around the New Territories.

12.30 p.m.—Arrive ship side. Lunch on board Empress of Australia.

2.30 p.m.—Ferry Kowloon to Hong Kong tickets will be provided.

Walk to Blake Pier, less than one minute's distance from Ferry Wharf, where automobiles will be waiting to convey passengers to the top of the Peak. Sedan Chairs for sightseeing on top of Peak for those desiring them.

4.30 p.m.—Automobiles from Peak Top to Ferry Wharf. Ferry Hong Kong to Kowloon tickets will be provided. Dinner on board Empress of Australia.

GROUP "2"

Breakfast on board Empress of Australia.

9.30 a.m.—Ferry Kowloon to Hong Kong tickets will be provided.

10 a.m.—Walk to Blake Pier, less than one minute's distance from Ferry Wharf, where automobiles will be waiting to convey passengers to the top of the Peak. Sedan Chairs for sightseeing on top of Peak for those desiring them.

12 noon.—Automobiles from Peak Top to Ferry Wharf. Ferry Hong Kong to Kowloon tickets will be provided. Lunch on board Empress of Australia.

2 p.m.—Automobiles will be waiting at Dock Gate, one minute's walk from ship side, for a 60-mile trip around the New Territories.

5.30 p.m.—Arrive ship side. Dinner on board Empress of Australia.

Sunday, February 16.

(Canton Optional Tour No. 14A.)

Breakfast on board Empress of Australia.
Walk to station of the Kowloon Canton Railway, two minutes' distance from ship side.

7.40 a.m.—Special Train leaves for Canton.
11.30 a.m.—Special Train arrives Canton. Lunch on train. Party will be divided into two groups.

GROUP "1"

Breakfast on board Empress of Australia.

9.30 a.m.—Ferry Kowloon to Hong Kong tickets will be provided.

10 a.m.—Walk to Blake Pier, less than one minute's distance from Ferry Wharf, where automobiles will be waiting to convey passengers to the top of the Peak. Sedan Chairs for sightseeing on top of Peak for those desiring them.

12 noon.—Automobiles from Peak Top to Ferry Wharf. Ferry Hong Kong to Kowloon tickets will be provided. Lunch on board Empress of Australia.

2 p.m.—Automobiles will be waiting at Dock Gate, one minute's walk from ship side, for a 60-mile trip around the New Territories.

5.30 p.m.—Arrive ship side. Dinner on board Empress of Australia.

Monday, February 17.

All meals on board Empress of Australia.
Free Day.

PARTY "B" (White Card)

Friday, February 14.

The Empress of Australia is expected to arrive 8 a.m. and berth

to Hong Kong tickets will be provided.

10 a.m.—Automobiles will be waiting at Blake Pier for trip around the Island via Causeway Bay, Shau-ki-wan and Tytam Reservoir to Repulse Bay Hotel.

12 noon.—Lunch at Repulse Bay Hotel.

1 p.m.—Continue ride around the Island via Deep Water Bay, Aberdeen, Pokfulam, Government House, Botanical Gardens, Garden Road, Queen's Road and Ferry Wharf. Ferry tickets will be provided.

Balance of afternoon free for independent action. Ferry tickets Kowloon to Hong Kong and return provided.

Dinner on board Empress of Australia.

WORKS OF ART

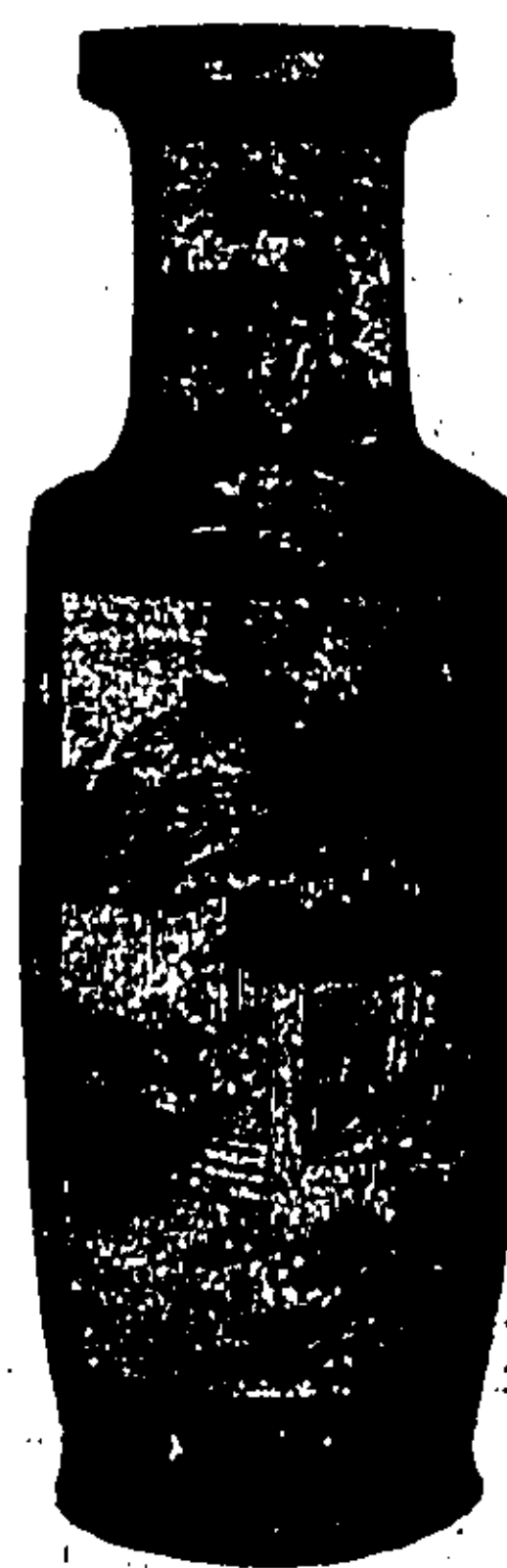
Porcelains and Old Embroideries

Hong Kong is the best place in the Far East for picking up good specimens of Native Culture-Craft in endless variety, which comes under the head of Art and Curios.

Of course the difficulty lies in not knowing anything about such treasures, for which ten times their value may be asked, or even more.

"Kienlung" Vase About 1750

A general rule is to quote a high figure allowing ample margin for



bargaining. Native dealers are very shrewd, and from long experience able to gauge the purchasing power of a customer. It is not unfrequently a case of the "Spider and the Fly."

To avoid this undesirable situation and risk, would it not be better to trust to the old-established firm of Komor & Komor, whose Art Gallery and Silk Rooms are in Des Voeux Road, Alexandra Buildings, where every article (marked in plain figures) is guaranteed to be genuine.

Established throughout the Far East for more than half a century, the name of "Komor" has become a household word with every collector, and in the firm's register—which is always open for inspection—will be seen records of several crowned heads, foreign and Indian Princes amongst other potentates, together with a select galaxy of British and American art collectors.

The late Lord Kitchener who was an ardent collector of old Chinese curios, porcelains in particular, wrote a personal letter to Mr. Komor, one of the founders of the business, expressing high appreciation for services rendered as a special connoisseur—during his stay in India and visit to the Far East.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT

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SHOPS TO VISIT

WHERE TO OBTAIN THE BEST VALUES

THE SILK CENTRES

THE BOMBAY STORE

Famous for its low prices and high quality, the Bombay Silk Store is located in D'Aguiar-street, up the slight incline from Queen's Road.

They give real excellent value in all their goods at the Bombay Store. Their stock, which is second to none in this part of the world, comprise houri coats, coolie coats, Mandarin coats, embroidered shawls and silk kimonos of very pretty workmanship and designs, and made of the best material obtainable.

Dresses are to be found here in a wide range of choice, as well as pyjamas, shirts and underwears, and if the ready-to-wear ones do not suit you, orders for made-to-measure garments will be accepted for execution within 24 hours.

The Pongee suits made to order by this store are well known for their quality of material plus good fit and stylish cut.

D. CHELLARAM

D. Chellaram, in Pedder Street, opposite the Hong Kong Hotel have a fine stock of beautiful Chinese shawls which are specially selected by their manager who is a specialist in this line. These shawls comprise a large variety which should satisfy the most exacting purchaser. The same applies to their exquisite Mandarin coats and skirts, the famous old style dress of China. Houri coats and Japanese kimonos are also stocked, each beautifully embroidered with elaborate designs too pretty to describe.

Silks are also to be found in these stores in great variety—the best products of Japan. China and India—both in plain colours and printed. Their brocades and crepes are also excellent materials for ladies' dresses, etc.

This Store specialises in ladies' hose and men's socks, while its tailoring department undertakes to execute orders for ladies' dresses and pyjamas, and men's shirts and collars within 12 hours, fit being guaranteed.

Other appealing goods worth examining in these stores are beautiful Egyptian tapestry and Persian rugs, as good as any obtainable anywhere else in the East.

KASHMIR SILK STORE

Opposite the Queen's Theatre, in Queen's Road, will be found the Kashmir Silk Store, which is also known as the "Palace of Shawls," a claim of which they are justly proud. Their wonderful display of beautiful silk shawls is dazzling and gives one a thrill of pleasure to inspect them. It is a joy to handle them and feel their fine, soft texture, and the desire to own one is irresistible.

Other fine things to be found in this shop are kimonos, houri coats, Persian coats, embroidered silk lingerie, and all qualities of silks in lengths suitable for many purposes.

PIONEER SILK STORE

The Pioneer Silk Store, to give its full name, is situated on the ground floor of China Building facing Queen's Road.

They have a specially selected stock of exquisitely embroidered shawls and old embroidery which represent real value for money.

Other goods exhibited in great variety of colours and pretty designs are Mandarin coats and skirts, silk embroidered kimonos, houri coats, Persian coats and happy coats, all of the very latest styles and especially selected with the greatest care to combine quality with value.

Silk scarves are to be found here in large quantities and colours to suit all tastes. Materials for dresses comprise Japanese, Chinese and Indian silks of very fine texture, brocades, crepes, etc.

At short notice, even within 24 hours, the Pioneer's tailoring department is able to take orders for ladies' silk underwear, men's shirts, pyjamas, etc. Their workmanship and fit are beyond reproach.

TAJMAHAL SILK STORE

This newly opened Indian Silk Store, of which Mr. S. Narain is the proprietor, is fast gaining in popularity on account of its fair dealing—giving you quality goods at reasonable prices. You will find this little shop up Flower Street, some 200 yards beyond the flower stalls, directly opposite the China Mail office.

They have a fine selection of new silks, just arrived, representing the latest in fashionable colours and designs—Full brocade, geometric, spunk, crepe, etc. de China, etc. Ready-to-wear ladies' garments include crepe de China embroidered

"undies" and pyjamas; whilst for men there are washing silk shirts, pyjamas, and neckties with handkerchiefs to match.

Other things in this store of interest to ladies are Kayser hose in all shades, exquisite shawls, kimonos, houri coats, and many fancy goods and toys which represent the latest in novelties. This store are also agents in Hong Kong for the well-known "Ohio" cream, hair and down remover.

FANCY GOODS

SWATOW LACE CO., LTD.

This shop, which is situated in Pedder Street, extends a welcome to all tourists to inspect the excellent stock. It specialises in Chinese fancy goods in wonderful variety, including Canton shawls, Mandarin coats, art embroideries, hand-made lace, kimonos, slippers, drawn-works and houri coats of very novel designs and fine workmanship.

Pretty lacquer-ware, ivory-ware and jade trees of exquisitely delicate workmanship, are also stocked. Everything is reasonably priced and represents value for money.

CHINA HANDICRAFT CO.

Inspection is cordially invited by the China Handicraft Co. No. 34, Queen's Road Central (Corner of Flower Street), of their fine display of native goods.

The Company are manufacturers and exporters of hand-made silk embroideries, which are of an exquisite beauty that is not easily surpassed.

They are also dealers in beautiful shawls of rare designs, finely carved ivory ornaments, jade pieces of genuine stones in rich tints, well-made silk undies, and quality drawn-work.

Other high class goods obtainable at this store are lacquer, pewter and cloisonne wares, and last, but by no means least, Blackwood furniture of essential Chinese design beautifully carved and polished, and strongly made.

Prices here are fair and the quality of goods decidedly of the finest, and value is given for money no matter how small the article bought.

THE CHINESE BAZAAR

The Chinese Bazaar (Tai Cheong Co.) in China Building, Queen's Road Central, are manufacturers and exporters, both wholesale and retail, of Swatow Drawnwork, Canton silk embroidery, and fillet lace, all hand-made under expert supervision.

Swatow Drawnwork with embroideries in grass linen all in exquisite designs include bedspreads, Pillow cases or shams, table cloths, tea-cosy covers, table centres, sideboard covers, dressing covers, cushion covers, doyleys, ladies' lawn night-gowns and undies.

FOOK WENG & CO.

If you look around this well-known Swatow shop in China Building, Queen's Road Central, for Oriental goods, your eyes will be richly feasted with its nicely embroidered Canton shawls of fascinating colours and up-to-date designs, together with a rich assortment of well-chosen Houri coats, kimonos, pyjamas, cape shawls, scarves and underwear.

Carved ivory and lacquer; cloisonne, Nanking brocade tapestries, table cloths, cushion covers, wall panels (of expert workmanship) are also to be found here.

What makes this shop popular is the fine selection of Swatow drawn thread work: both linen and grass cloth bed spreads, luncheon sets, tea sets, tray cloths, towels, and napkins.

The real good old embroideries made into hand bags, writing pads, table cloths, tray cloths are also found here.

The antique Chinese porcelain vases, jars, screens, blackwood furniture, and some rare pieces of curios will surely delight every visitor.

And last, but not least is a rare selection of all kinds of ladies' necklaces: crystal, agate, ivory, jade, and Peking glass with nice pendants.

Take a good look in this shop—you will surely pick up something that will be suitable for gifts for the folks at home. The quality of the goods is high, the service is cordial, and the prices low enough to suit every pocket.

SWATOW TRADING CO.

The Swatow Trading Company, in Pedder Street, is well worth a visit. They specialise in Swatow Drawnwork which is most appealing and very moderately priced.

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Their art embroideries and laces are also of very high quality, whilst in the matter of silk shawls, the Swatow Trading Company have some beauties in stock which are real eye-openers. The stitching is of the popular "short" variety and the embroideries of chic designs and dainty colouring.

SWATOW DRAWN WORK CO.

For wonderful Chinese handiwork and novelties go to the Swatow Drawn Work Co., No. 14, Pedder Street, between Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and the office of the Dollar Steamship Line.

The Swatow Drawn Work Co. have always in stock a large variety of hand-drawn thread and embroidered work in both silk and linen, which is turned out by experts in the art under careful supervision.

EAST ASIATIC CO.

The East Asiatic Company has its store in the Asiatic Building with entrance at the corner of Flower Street and Queen's Road, and is just across the road from the Hong Kong Hotel.

Amongst the great variety of goods stocked in this store are very pretty Canton shawls, Swatow drawnwork, ivory ware including a very fine pair of delicately carved tusks, lacquer ware, cigarette boxes, vases, tea tables and other useful articles, blackwood lamp shades with prettily painted silk sides, amber beads, handbags of fancy design, Peking actor dolls, pewter ware, Mandarin hats and coats, only to mention a few of the dainties.

A few minutes of exploration in this "house of good things" is bound to bring to light very desirable remembrances of the trip out East.

CHINA FANCY GOODS CO.

Hand-made Canton and Irish linen drawnwork, embroideries, silk, Spanish shawls, ladies' silk undies, Mandarin coats and skirts, kimonos, ivory, cloisonne, pewter, lacquer and damascene ware, etc., are all to be seen at the China Fancy Goods Co., 33, Queen's Road Central (China Building). Once you have appreciated the exquisite workmanship on the cloth and silk wear and the craftsmanship on the hardware (ivory, etc.) you will buy—not at a loss to yourself, but as a gain, for the prices are reasonable. Beautiful fantasies in the form of silken wear or ivory that you have before never thought capable of originating from the brain of man, you will see and perhaps buy. In any case it is well worth your while to pay a call to this shop. It holds limitless treasures.

JEWELS AND CURIOS

WAI KEE

Some of the staff on the Empress of Australia will renew acquaintance with Mr. Wai Kee, whose shop is at the Queen's Road corner of the Hong Kong Hotel building. Mr. Wai Kee has been in the trade for upwards of forty years and remembers globe-trotters who revisit Hong Kong after long intervals. He is an expert on things Chinese and has an excellent variety of jade, precious stones, antiques, etc.

KOMOR'S

(Komor & Komor)

A visit to Komor & Komor's Art gallery is recommended to all visitors to Hong Kong. The establishment is under the management of Mr. Komor, an authority on Chinese and Japanese art who joined the firm (Kuhn & Komor) forty years ago and whose collection is a household word under curio collectors.

The collection on exhibition is the finest in the Far East. You find articles there for prices ranging from one dollar up to thousands of dollars. Every article is marked in plain figures and visitors are always received with courtesy whether they buy or not. Their packing and shipping department guarantees that everything sent by them must arrive at any part of the world in perfect order.

Komor's art gallery is situated near the Hong Kong ferry corner of Chater Road and the fine window display draws all day and night big crowds of sight-seers. This firm, established since 1867, is one of the oldest in Hong Kong.

A jade screen in fine carving, supposed to be of the Ming dynasty, in very fine wood and gold mounting, will be the envy of many visitors who collect works of art. The wonderful silk lacquered Foochow screen will surely be admired by all visitors, and the unique collection of cloisonne and ivory work is worth the visit to this well known establishment.

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LOONG SHING.

Loong Shing, jewellers of repute whose premises are at No. 48, Queen's Road Central have a collection of genuine Jade Jewellery which is difficult to beat.

The word "genuine" is used emphatically where Loong Shing is concerned. The stress is necessary because of the presence of imitation jades on the market, and one cannot be too careful when purchasing Jades.

The colour of the false stones is so attractive that not only foreigners but Chinese also, are often "taken-in" by the fakes. It is therefore wise to deal only with reliable shops.

There is no doubt as to the reliability of Loong Shing, as one of the oldest jewellers' establishment at present in existence in Hong Kong. This shop came into being in 1864 and during a period of over 60 years in business it has gained a reputation not only for reliability but also for fair dealing. All their fine jade jewellery—and there is a fine range to choose from—are offered at prices which are surprisingly reasonable.

Go to Loong Shing if it's jade that you are after.

LOCK HING

Here is another of Hong Kong's long established and reliable Chinese firm who have specialised in dealing in Chinese curios since 1870. Some of the pieces to be found in this shop cannot be duplicated. Everything is absolutely genuine, and, best of all, the prices are competitive.

Lock Hing's also deal in fine Shanghai and Canton silks, grass cloths, embroideries, crepes, chic shawls, and ivory, bronze, lacquered, cloisonne ware, porcelain and ornaments of gold and silver, and the work of master craftsmen. Gold and silver jewellery can also be made to order.

They are also manufacturers of Blackwood furniture both inlaid and carved chairs, tables and stands, all well made and beautifully finished. The shop is at No. 38, Queen's Road Central.

WANG HING

For gold and silver ware of Chinese design and workmanship, visit Wang Hing's shop. This long standing firm of jewellers have premises at No. 10, Queen's Road Central, very near to the Hong Kong Hotel. They have a reputation amongst foreign residents for fair dealing. The jade stones obtainable here are among the best to be found in Hong Kong, absolutely flawless and of delicate hues.

Everything here, from the smallest trinket to intricate silver junks, etc., are all the product of experienced Chinese craftsmen.

Wang Hing's prices are competitive whilst the goods are above average quality.

MISCELLANEOUS

TABAQUERIA FILIPINA

The Tabaqueria Filipina, the noted smokers' suppliers, is situated in the Asiatic Building opposite the Hong Kong Hotel.

In this excellently fitted out emporium, you are assured fair prices, fresh stock, fine quality and faithful service, which has been their jealously guarded motto ever since they opened shop in Hong Kong.

The stocks of smokers' requisites carried in this store are large and varied. They have all the best known brands of American tobaccos and cigarettes in stock, and they are also famous for the lines of Manila cigars which they carry.

Pipes of the best makes in sets and singly are to be found in a large variety to choose from. Other requisites are cigar cutters, tobacco pouches, cigar and cigarette cases, patent lighters, fancy ash trays, cigar and cigarette boxes, and every thing imaginable in the tobaccoist's line. All goods are of the best qualities obtainable and priced to suit everyone.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

Anything that you may require—from a needle to an elephant—can be found in Lane Crawford's. The oldest European department store in the Colony, this shop is well stocked with everything. Here you can buy a dress, which will be a credit to you even in Paris, or jewellery which will compare favourably with any sold by Tiffany or the best jewellery shops in Bond Street.

On the first floor of this palatial store is Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, where there is also a first class dance floor and a capital orchestra.

SHOPS TO VISIT

WHERE TO OBTAIN THE BEST VALUES

HONG KONG HOTEL

During your short sojourn here, you will find that the Hong Kong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel are the best and most aristocratic places to make your temporary headquarters.

The Hong Kong Hotel is situated in the heart of the city. Always well equipped with the most courteous staff of guides; you will be enabled to do your shopping without being "taken in" by any unscrupulous native shop-keepers. On the other side of the harbour is the Peninsula Hotel, run by the same company. There you will find the same courtesy and service.

EXCELSIOR BOOK STORE

The Excelsior Book Store, with branches in D'Aguiar-street, off Queen's Road Central, at the Hong Kong Hotel, and in the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, is one of Hong Kong's leading news agents and book sellers. It has in stock a fine range of best sellers by both British and American authors, and receive by every mail from the United Kingdom and the States all the leading periodicals, journals, and magazines which appeal to all tastes.

For reading matter on board ship during the voyage go to the Excelsior Store for your needs.

THE CLOVER SHOP

Sweet scented flowers, arranged in pretty bouquets, and baskets to beautify your stateroom can be had at the Clover Shop, in Lee House Street, straight up from the Star Ferry wharf. They have the best flowers obtainable in Hong Kong

grown in their own private gardens, which also produce wonderful vegetables and fruits, besides pretty pot plants peculiar to this part of the world, pruned in fantastic Chinese shapes. Take one of these home—it will be the envy of all your friends and something you can proudly show as a lasting memory of your visit to the Colony.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Before leaving Hong Kong, get all your loose cash converted into Travellers' Cheques, the most convenient and a safest way of carrying money. Let the American Express Co., Inc., 4, Des Voeux Road, Central, attend to your requirements. By dealing with them you have the benefit of the current rate of exchange and not the fancy figures which money changers so often impose on strangers. Also, you can safely entrust all your purchases—curios, porcelain, etc., to America to forward for you. Their charges are reasonable, and the packing is expertly done, thus ensuring against breakage.

YUE SHING

If you have a book which had undergone some wear and tear during your trip, let Yue Shing, 47, Queen's Road Central re-bind it for you. This well-known and reliable Chinese firm, which has been in existence in Hong Kong since 1884, can do high class work accurately and neatly. They also supply quality stationery and writing requisites worthy of you. Before sailing be sure you have everything with which to write that letter Home, about your travels.

TEN TIPS

Which Tourists Should Observe

HELPFUL ADVICE

PORT REGULATIONS—ARRIVAL

Landing at most ports is prohibited until after the ship has been passed by the Health, Immigration and Police authorities. Due notice will be given regarding attendance of Cruise members and delay and discomfort to all will be avoided by prompt attention to these important matters.

Party Registration. Cruise Members are respectfully requested to note the following, which will apply generally when making up parties for shore excursions:

It is realised that Cruise Members will wish, when travelling ashore, to move with friends. For this reason it is not desirable that allotments to Party A, B, or C, etc., should be made at the Cruise Office without giving members an opportunity to voice their preference for one party or another. Prior to reaching each port, shore programmes will be distributed, to study shore and party arrangements. Members should then decide with whom they would like to go sightseeing and register for the party of their choice. As the various parties are restricted in number, party allotments will be made in the order in which applications are received.

Timely notice will be given members of the date, place and hour at which each port party registration will be opened. When registration is made party allotment cards will be issued.

Non-Attendance at Party Registrations

Shore excursion features are identical for all parties. To many, therefore, it will be a matter of indifference with which party they move. Should Cruise Members not register for any party, it will be assumed by the Cruise Office that the matter of party allotment has been left in their hands and allotment will be made and party card sent to member's room.

Shore Excursions. To avoid congestion and confusion and to ensure their own comfort, Cruise Members are requested to adhere to the hour shown for the movement of their party and to move only with that party.

Disembarkation. Members will best study their own comfort and convenience by avoiding crowding in the corridors or at the gangway. Fifteen minutes before the assembly hour for each party, a gong will be sounded throughout the ship. Members should remain on deck or other convenient place pending such notification.

Motor Cars. In filling motor cars for shore excursions, the Cruise Management work, wherever possible, on the rule of placing four persons in each seven-seated car, and three persons in each five-seated car, in addition to the driver. Cruise

Members constituting themselves into small party groups for motor car trips should proceed ashore promptly together to give themselves every opportunity of securing the desired space, keeping in view car loading as already stated. It is respectfully notified that conveyances cannot be held for those arriving late, as the common comfort and convenience of all must be studied by the Management.

The co-operation of Members of the Cruise is earnestly solicited by the Management, looking to the convenience, comfort and pleasure of all concerned.

Hotel Accommodation. When hotel accommodation ashore is included in tickets, due regard will be given, as far as practicable, to Members' requests for one hotel or another, consistent with priority of application and the amount of accommodation available, but no guarantee can be entered into.

Attention is drawn to the fact that rooms with bath are not included in Cruise fare. The Cruise Officer should be given early advice of any special hotel requirements when every effort will be made to secure same, but no guarantee can be entered into thereon.

Optional Shore Excursions. Members holding Exchange Orders issued ashore for Optional Shore Excursions are respectfully requested to turn them in at the Cruise Office promptly when called for, in order that final arrangements may be made in respect of each party.

As the Optional Excursions are limited in respect to numbers, Members desirous of availing themselves of such, and who have not already purchased orders for them ashore, should enquire at the Cruise Office as to vacancies available.

Meals on Board. Two sittings will be arranged for meals on board ship, to be served at fixed hours. Necessary alterations in meal hours to conform with shore excursion arrangements will be notified on ship's Bulletin Boards. Where a continuous or running meal is notified, Cruise Members should take any seat available and not wait until their own becomes vacant.

Regular meal hours on board will be as follows:

	First Sitting	Second Sitting
Breakfast	8.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.
Luncheon	12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
Dinner	6.15 p.m.	7.30 p.m.

Port Departures. Cruise Members are respectfully requested to advise their Room Stewards of their re-embarkation on the ship preparatory to its sailings. Sailing date and departure hour from each port will be conspicuously posted. The ship will sail promptly at the hour advertised to meet tidal or other urgent reasons of operation and the Company cannot accept any responsibility for members failing to re-join the ship.

Cruise Office. The Cruise Office will be open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., except while the ship is in Port. When the ship is engaged with shore excursion duties.

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES

DISCUSSIONS BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

KAU SING AFFAIR

At the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga strongly criticised the vote for \$1,063 for the provision of certificates of Honour. The vote, however, was approved. The damage to the rescue tug, Kau Sing, which was at the time exclusively reported in the *China Mail* was the subject to a series of questions put to the Harbour Master by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

The meeting was presided by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax.

Certificate of Honour

Regarding the vote for \$1,063 for the creation of certificates of Honour in recognition of services rendered to the Colony, the Hon. Mr. Braga asked:

Sir, can you tell us what is the origin of the suggestion for the institution of this Certificate of Honour so far as it applies to Hong Kong?

The Chairman.—If I remember the history of it correctly, it originated in the Federated Malay States, where the desirability of some certificate for special recognition of local services was found necessary. The idea was adopted by the Colonial Office and made practically universal for all the Colonies.

Hon. Mr. Braga.—Do I understand, Sir, that this is really a sort of recognition, say below a recognition of M.B.E., for example?

The Chairman.—You may take it so.

"No End to Distinction"

Hon. Mr. Braga.—Do we really require the institution of a new form of recognition, because I am very much afraid there will be no end to the line of distinction that will be created by these various forms of recognition?

The Chairman.—The matter has been very carefully considered and you will note in the last sentence of the explanation that the Secretary of State has signified His Majesty's approval.

Hon. Mr. Braga.—To my mind it is a superfluous expenditure, even though it is a small one of a thousand dollars. I hate to think we are going to create these various forms of distinction as to meritorious service in the Colony. I cannot agree to creating a new form of recognition that is practically of no value.

"Ought to Draw the Line"

The Chairman.—This is not practically of no value. It is of value. Your theory is we shall go on making new grades of certificates of recognition beyond this?

Hon. Mr. Braga.—I think we ought to draw the line somewhere.

The Chairman.—I think we should draw the line here.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—I rather sympathise with Mr. Braga's remarks. When I saw this I thought to myself is this necessary, and it seemed to me it was not really necessary at all.

Hon. Mr. Braga.—We are throwing away good money.

The Chairman.—There is no fear that this certificate will go into further grades as you suggested, Mr. Braga.

Hon. Mr. Braga.—My point is that the more of these things you create and institute the more likely it is that invidious distinction will be felt, and I think the time has arrived when we should avoid this, and this, to my mind, although a very small item of expenditure, is an avoidable one which I personally would vote against. I think it is entirely unnecessary.

Chinese Members' Support

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.—We have given this matter very careful consideration and consulted many Chinese and we were informed, and we also hold the opinion, that this certificate would serve a useful purpose and therefore, Sir, I am prepared to support it. I know Sir Shou-son Chow was in favour of it at the time and he tells me now that he still is.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—May I repeat my question? Can you give us a better idea of the services which call for the receipt of this decoration? Is it a matter of life-saving or public service?

The Chairman.—Public service.

For Non-Europeans

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.—With reference to this particular matter, I should like to say that I was consulted and the District Watch Committee was consulted. Our object chiefly was to encourage the loyalty of the Chinese who had done public service for the Colony. The ordinary honour given to Chinese here is J.P. and

we thought that this honour, which is given in other Colonies, should apply to the Chinese in Hong Kong who have done public service and helped the Government in time of trouble. I cannot agree with Mr. Braga that this money will be wasted because people who have done public service deserve a certain amount of honour.

Hon. Mr. Shenton.—Is this only to be confined to Chinese?

The Chairman.—Non-European.

Certificates are Encouragement

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o.—If it is a reward for public service, I must say that I think the money will be well spent. It will have the effect of encouraging the people to come forward and do public work.

Hon. Mr. Shenton.—As this appears to be a recognition to non-Europeans and as it is so strongly supported by the leaders of the Chinese community to whom it particularly appertains, I should like to support it myself.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—I should like to support it in view of the explanations given to this meeting.

Hon. Mr. Hynes.—I should like to support it too.

The Chairman (to Hon. Mr. Braga).—Do you wish to be netted as a dissident, Mr. Braga?

Hon. Mr. Braga.—I do, Sir.

The vote was approved, the Hon. Mr. Braga being the only member to vote against.

The Kau Sing Damage

With reference to the vote for \$17,190, cost of repairing damage to the Kau Sing caused through an accident when she grounded off Cape Collinson, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked whether an inquiry had been held.

The Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole).—Yes, an inquiry was held and the Master of the Kau Sing was found partly at fault and was suitably punished by His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—What do you mean by "suitably punished"?

The Harbour Master.—I have not permission from the Colonial Secretary to answer that question. I should require his permission first, it being a question of internal administration.

The Chairman.—I see no reason to suppress it.

The Harbour Master.—The increment on his salary was deferred for one year. That means that for the next nine years of his service he will be one increment behind the whole time.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—What is the value of the increment? The Harbour Master.—£10. He will lose roughly £90 on it, plus interest.

Garden Road Widening

In connection with the vote for \$6,000 for completing the widening of Garden Road at its junction with Queen's Road, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes asked if it was the intention of the Public Works Department further to improve the approach to Garden Road by making a curve on the other side. At the present time it seemed to him to be lop-sided.

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy).—That has been considered on many occasions. The expense is the only thing that has stood in the way. It means the removal of a latrine, for which it would be difficult to find another suitable site.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—I submit it is advisable it should be removed at the earliest possible moment.

The Chairman.—Can you make a suggestion as to a new site?

The Director of Public Works.—To find a new site for the latrine will be difficult.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—I cannot imagine it will be very difficult to find a less objectionable spot than this.

The Chairman.—The whole matter will be considered.

Kowloon Tong Market

Referring to the vote for \$10,000 for the erection of a permanent market at Kowloon Tong, the Hon. Mr. Braga asked—May I know how soon tenders will be called for the Kowloon Tong Market and when the Director of Public Works expects the market to be ready?

The Director of Public Works.—Tenders will be called for almost immediately. We have all the plans ready. The work should be well in hand by the end of the year.

Band Concerts

In connection with the provision of \$12,000 for six band concerts in Kowloon, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said—Is this a misprint, or is this for Kowloon only? There is no mention made either here, or so far as I can see, in the 1930 Estimates, of band concerts on this side.

The Chairman.—This is for Kowloon only.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—Has any vote been made for similar concerts on this side?

The Chairman.—No, not yet.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—I should like to enquire whether it is the intention of the Government to do so.

The Chairman.—The suggestion has not yet been considered. It was tried on this side last year. If it is suggested it should be tried again, the question can be further considered.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.—I should like to see a similar vote for concerts to be held either in the public gardens or the public square.

The Chairman.—The matter will be considered.

All the votes were approved.

MARITAL STRIFE

Reconciliation Efforts Break Down

"WOES" OF A WIFE

Domestic differences between a young couple were aired before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon. The complainant was Mrs. Bertha Soares who summoned her husband, Mr. J. R. Soares for maintenance and the custody of their baby boy. She was represented by Mr. J. T. Prior, whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., was for the husband. The Magistrate made an effort to effect a reconciliation out of Court. Whereas Mr. d'Almada expressed his client's willingness, Mr. Prior intimated that the correspondence which had passed between the solicitors was not of a conciliatory spirit, and he did not think there was a possibility of a settlement. The case was then allowed to proceed.

Mr. Prior said that the parties were married a little over a year ago and lived in Ashley Road together with the husband's mother, sister, and sister's daughter. Soon after the marriage the husband's mother died, on February 14, and then trouble began—the presence in the house of the husband's sister, who took charge.

The wife remonstrated with her husband about this, but he decided that his sister would run the house. In June the wife went to her mother's house, where the child was born and then she refused to return to the husband under the old condition. She stayed away until October and then went back after a reconciliation had been effected through the good offices of a Catholic priest.

Then the husband agreed to allow the wife to run the house, but he gave her only \$140, whereas during the time the sister ran the house the allowance was \$170.

After the reconciliation, the sister, it was alleged, again caused trouble by referring during a meal to other people's wives being "afraid of their husbands." The wife replied that she was not afraid, to which the husband, it was averred, retorted that he would show her and "make her as humble as a dog." The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—St. John's Hall Concert and Dance, 8 p.m.

To-morrow—Craigengower C. C. Bachelor's Ball, 9.15 p.m.

March 8—Old Bedfordian Dinner, Hong Kong Club 8 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Valiant"

To-day—Star Theatre, "Four Sons."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Desert Nights" at 6.15 and 9.20 p.m., "The Romantic Lady," (Chinese picture) at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "White Pants Willie."

Sport

To-morrow—Third Hong Kong Annual Marathon Race, University Entrance, 3 p.m.

Home Mails

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Karmala); America and ports (President Cleveland); Europe via Suez (Kalyan).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Menestheus) 10 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Karmala), 10.30 a.m.

Meetings

February 17—Annual General Meeting of the Lady Helpers of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., Cheer 'O Canteen, 11 a.m.

February 27—Eleventh ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Rd., Ctd., 4.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Diocesan Girls' School prize distribution.

To-day—University Lecture by M. E. Cock on "The Evolution of Ships and their Method of Propulsion," 8.30 p.m.

February 18—Lecture by Dr. A. R. Wellington on "The Life of a Masquid," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 19—Queen's College prize distribution.

March 6—Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

5-5.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records by Courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"Honolulu," March (Hawaiian Air), "Kawihau," Waltz, Hawaiian Silver String Quartet.

"Slumber, Dear Maid" (Handel's Largo), "Abide with Me" Master John Bonner.

"A Tale of Other Times"—Monologue (N. Long & L. Pounde), "Otherwise She's Mother's Kind of Girl" (Squiers & Barker), Norman Long.

"Ivanhoe"—Selection (Sullivan, arr. C. Godfree), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

5.30-6 p.m.—Auntie Letty, Aunt Kathleen, Aunt Isabel and Uncle Jack will entertain the Children.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme, 7-9 p.m.—Experimental Programme.

9-10.30 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records by Courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Company. "Gallows' Gate Walk" (The Children's Corner) (Debussy), "Dance of the Tumbler" (Snow Maiden), B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

"Traviata" (Verdi), "Dinorah" Gertrude Johnson. "When the World is at Rest" (Davis & Fain), "Wake Up! Chilly Wake Up" (Trent & Robison), Layton and Johnstone.

"Stellene and Riquion", Violin Solo by Arthur Catterall with Piano. "Die Nacht" (Schubert), "Der Tanz" Wiener Schubertband (Male Voice Choir of Vienna) with the Vienna State Opera Orchestra.

"Mississippi" (A Tone Journey), Jack Payne and the B.B.C. Concert Orchestra.

"The Bonny Bunch of Roses", "The Old Orange Flute" By Richard Hayward.

"Gavotte" (Mehul), "Madrigale" Cello Solo by W. H. Squiers with Piano. "The Carnival of Animals" (Saint-Saens), Orchestra Symphonique de Paris, Sous la Direction de George True.

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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

ACTING under instructions received from the Inspector General of Customs I have to notify the Public that from the 17th February, 1930, until further notice the Customs Gold Unit will be equivalent to Hong Kong Notes \$1.69.

J. M. H. OSBORNE, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hong Kong, 13th February, 1930.

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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held in the City Hall on THURSDAY, March 6, 1930.

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Prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Southorn at 6 p.m.

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Gruesome Scenes in Peking

Peking, Yesterday. Scenes reminiscent of other days and other regimes in Peking were witnessed yesterday afternoon when twenty-two people, including two men convicted variously of murder, robbery or kidnapping, were paraded through the city streets in tumbrils, then lined up and shot by soldiers at Heaven Bridge, South City.

Hundreds of people witnessed the executions, and afterwards there was a constant stream of spectators to see the bodies which were left for some time on the execution ground.—Reuter.

WAR CLOUDS

Hostilities in North Imminent

Peking, Yesterday. Government troops are busily digging themselves in westward of Hsuechow. It is also reported that General Shih Yu-san is putting Kuafteh in a state of defence as hostilities on the Lunghai Railway are expected at any time. It is understood that General Shih Yu-san refuses to give up a large and valuable quantity of rolling stock and locomotives from the Tiensin-Pukow Railway.—Reuter.

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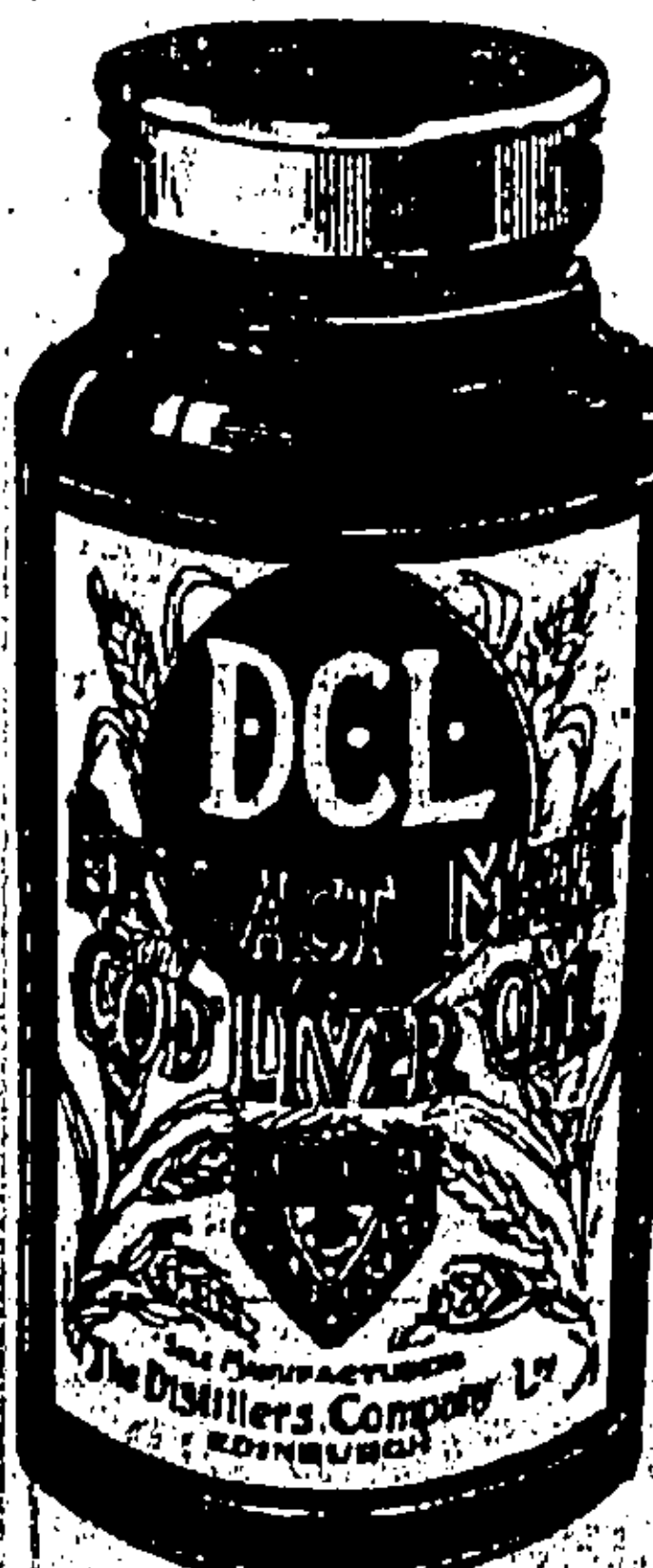
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ECHO OF THE HATRY SENSATION

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT OF SHARES NOW MADE
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London, Yesterday.
The Stock Exchange settlement of shares in the Hatry Group companies, which have been held up since September, was carried out today. It was found last year that some of the Hatry interests obtained payments from brokers for non-existent shares, while other allied concerns bought securities but were unable to take them up.
With a view to avoiding heavy losses, many Stock Exchange failures, and much costly litigation, an unofficial Stock Exchange committee has been appointed to draw up a scheme providing for the formation of a £1,000,000 fund, from which all losses will be paid. All brokers and jobbers have contributed £800,000 in fixed proportions. The remainder has been contributed by Stock Exchange members and others not involved in the Hatry dealings, but who are very concerned in preserving the City's good name. The Royal Exchange Assurance, who are trustees of the fund, are paying out to-day.—Reuter.

NEW RIVAL FOR SEGRAVE

KAYE DON TO MAKE ATTEMPT ON HIS RECORD

TO USE 5,000 H.P. SUNBEAM
Washington, Yesterday.
The Automobile Association has sanctioned the attempt of the British motorist, Kaye Don, on Major Segrave's record of 231 miles an hour.
Mr. Don is arriving at Daytona on March 1, and the attempt will be made in a 5,000 horse-power Sunbeam with a potential speed of 250 miles an hour between March 15 and 30.—Reuter's American Service.

AMALGAMATION OF COAL MINES

TO BE MADE COMPULSORY BY THE GOVERNMENT?

TO PLACATE LIBERALS
London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons, by 281 votes to 142 adopted the first new Government clause in the Coal Mines Bill, creating an amalgamation advisory committee to decide whether the amalgamation of the coal mines should be compulsory. The clause, which was introduced to placate the Liberals, does not rule out voluntary amalgamations.—Reuter.

FASTER THAN THE BREMEN

U.S. PLANS FOR LINERS WITH SPEED OF 28 1/2 KNOTS
VALUE TO THE NAVY?

Washington, Yesterday.
The United States lines have drawn plans for two liners, each 962 feet long, with a speed of 28 1/2 knots, which is longer than the Majestic and faster than the Bremen. The United States lines are asking for financial aid from the Government, contending that the vessels will be of potential value to the Navy owing to their speed.—Reuter's American Service.

SPAIN BESET BY TROUBLES

TERRIBLE WINTER RAVAGES THE COUNTRY SIDE
RIOTS IN BARCELONA

Madrid, Yesterday.
Following the fall from power of the Spanish Dictator, General Primo de Rivera, Spain has been beset by troubles. These are not merely political, however. The winter is the most terrible experienced for years, the snow in many places being fifteen feet deep. Many villages are isolated and no news has been received of one for three weeks.
A tragedy has occurred at Barcelona where a landslide, due to the accumulation of snow, killed one person and seriously injured five.
The appointment of General Molas as Chief of Police in Madrid indicates that the authorities are apprehensive of civil disorders. There has been fighting between students and the Police at Barcelona, the cause of the trouble being the students' demand of the dismissal of the Civil Governor and the Rector of Barcelona University. Reports of disturbances and clamorous deputations to the Provincial Governors, demanding redress for grievances, are arriving from all parts of the country.—Reuter.

NEW FAR EAST AIR SERVICE

ROUTE BETWEEN SINGAPORE & AUSTRALIA

STILL INDEFINITE

Canberra, Yesterday.
Referring to a statement that the British Air Ministry was eagerly awaiting an announcement from Australia in regard to the establishment of an air route between Singapore and Port Darwin, Mr. J. Scullin, the Premier, said that although the British Government seemed to have assumed that the Commonwealth was ready to subsidise such a link, the England to Australia air route, actually no definite commitment had been made. The Commonwealth Government was awaiting the report of certain officers now in Great Britain, and would also like information about the stipulations of the Imperial Airways in regard to auxiliary services and surcharge receipts.—Reuter.

STOLE METAL HINGE

Sanitary Department Coolie Sent to Jail

"In my opinion, I believe he stole them," said Sanitary Inspector Royance at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Tsang Cheung, a Sanitary Department coolie, was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with the unlawful possession of 11 metal hinges at Shek Ling Street, Yau-mat.
The defendant, in reply to the charge, said that he picked the hinges up in a rubbish heap in a lane at Che Ma Terrace, but the Magistrate held that to be a very unsatisfactory explanation.
Inspector Marks pointed out that the defendant had a previous conviction in 1925 for larceny, for which he served a term of one month.
Mr. Whyte-Smith passed sentence of three months' jail with hard labour.

STEEL CARTEL

Increase in Basic Prices

Brussels, Yesterday.
The European steel cartel has decided to increase the basic prices of merchant steel and angle steel by half a crown, unfinished products by two shillings, and thick plates by four shillings per metric ton.—Reuter.

P'RAPS — P'RAPS NOT!

Mistress: "What's this greasy mess?"
Maid: "The candles got wet, mum, so I put 'em in the oven to dry!"

They had argued for an hour, and at last he gave in. "Very well," he told his wife, "I'll buy the fur coat if you wish, but I tell you frankly, it'll mean the workhouse for me."
"Thank you, darling!" cried his wife. "Just think of the impression I shall make when I wear the coat to visit you!"

The tramp knocked at the kitchen door. "Please, kind lady, I'm a sick man. The doctor gimme this medicine, but I need something to take it with."
"Poor fellow! Do you want a spoon and a glass of water?"
"No, lady. But this medicine has to be took before meals. Have you got a meal handy?"

A man entered a crowded railway carriage, and placed a heavy box—almost a small trunk, on the rack. A nervous passenger eyed the large package for several seconds, and, feeling that it might fall on him at any moment, he ventured to remark: "I say, do you think that's safe?"
"Oh yes," said the man cheerfully, "It's locked!"

In a country school, in which the furnishings were sadly in need of repair, the geography lesson was in progress. The teacher, pointing to a spot in the north of Scotland with his cane, asked if any scholar in the class could tell him the name of the place he had singled out.
Silence reigned for a minute, then up shot a hand.
"Well, Tommy?"
"Please, sir, it's torn away."
"Quite right, Tommy—Stornoway."

A fussy old gentleman was asking a lot of unnecessary questions during his visit to the menagerie. "Now, my man," he said to a harassed attendant, "I suppose you know all about these various animals you look after?"

"Yes, guv'nor, I s'pose I do," the man admitted.
"Well, then—can you tell me why the camel has that hump on its back?"

"Er—yes, I reckon I can. He wears it for—er—for a very good reason," the man replied, inwardly wishing he really did know.
"Indeed?" the old gentleman asked. "Then, what is the reason, may I ask?"

"Well, guv'nor, you see—er—I mean—well, anyway, boss—you don't expect all these 'ere folk'd come and pay a tanner a time to see the camel if he didn't have that there 'ump, do you?"

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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Credits, 4 months' sight 1022 1/2

On Berlin—
On demand —
On New York—
On demand 37 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 38 1/2

On Bombay—
Wire 102
On demand 102
On Calcutta—
Wire 102
On demand 102

On Singapore—
On demand 65 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 74 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 78 1/2

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

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STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Open	Close	Dividend	PAID
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1360	1360	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Pending	
Chartered Bank	171	171	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Sept. 12, 29	
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	101	101	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Oct. — 29	
Bank of Asia	98	98	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Pending	
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	730	730	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	May 23, 29	
Union Ins.	379 1/2	380 (380)	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	May 24, 29	
China Underwriters	170	170	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	May 24, 29	
China Fire Ins.	940	940	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	May 24, 29	
H. K. Fire Ins.	860	860	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	May 24, 29	
Shipping.						
Douglases	26 1/2	26 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Pending	
H. K. Steamships	26	26	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	June 10, 29	
Indo-China (Pref.)	43	43	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Jan. 6, 30	
Shell Transports	57 1/2	57 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Jan. 31, 29	
Union Waterboats	28 1/2	28 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Jan. 31, 29	
Mining.						
Benguet	5 1/2	5 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. — 29	
Kailan Mining Ad.	50 1/2	50 1/2	June	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Langkat (Comb.)	13.60	13.60	Oct.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Shai Exploration	1.50	1.50	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Leans	5	5	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Raubs	14	14	Mar.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 17, 29	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	157	157	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
H. K. & W. Docks	32	32	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
China Providents	5.55	5.70	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
Hongkwa	105	105	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
N. Engineerings	7.80	7.80	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
Shanghai Docks	192	192	Apr.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 7, 29	
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	17.35	17.50 (4)	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Aug. 23, 29	
S'hai Cotton (old)	86	86	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Nov. 23, 29	
Zeong Singa	10	10	June	Final 21/6 1929	Oct. 11, 29	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	12.60	12.60	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Feb. 12, 30	
H. K. Lands	65 1/2	65 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	July 31, 29	
Shanghai Lands	115	115	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Feb. 8, 29	
Humphreys	14	14	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Aug. 15, 29	
H. K. Realities	8.65	8.65	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	June 5, 29	
Chinese Estates	98	98	Feb.	Final 21/6 1929	June 5, 29	
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	19.80	19.80	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Pending	
Peak Tram (old)	115	115	Apr.	Final 21/6 1929	June 7, 29	
Star Ferry	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Pending	
China Light	19.70 (80)	19.70 (80)	Sept.	Final 21/6 1929	Dec. 23, 29	
H. K. Electric	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
Macao	23	23	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
Sandakan Lights	4 1/2	4 1/2	June	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
H.K. Telephones	2.05	2.05	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
China Buses	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Mar. 22, 29	
Industrial.						
China Sugars	30 c.	30 c.	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Malayan Sugars	27	27	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Cald. Macg. Ord.	11	11	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Canton Ice	15	15	July	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Cement (comb.)	15.35	15 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
H. K. Ropes	7.85	7.85	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
United Asbestos	5	5	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	29.90	29.90	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Watsons	12.20	12.10	Oct.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Der A Wings	80 c.	80 c.	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Lanc Crawfords	5	5	Feb.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Mackintosh	18	18	Feb.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Sinacres	19	19	Feb.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Wm. Powells	2 1/2	2 1/2	Feb.	Final 21/6 1929	Apr. 11, 29	
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement Pref.	28	28	Mar.	Final 21/6 1929	July 5, 29	
B. Ind. O. Bonds	60 1/2	60 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	July 5, 29	
H. K. Govt. Loan	5 1/2	5 1/2	Dec.	Final 21/6 1929	July 5, 29	

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.15
New York	4.86 1/2
Brussels	34.895
Gonega	25.20
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	92.60
Berlin	20.85
Stockholm	18.135
Copenhagen	15.165
Oslo	18.21
Vienna	34.525
Prague	164 1/4
Helsingfors	198 1/2
Madrid	38.825
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	875
Bucharest	818
Bio	5 15/62
Buenos Aires	48 1/16
Bombay	1/5 25/62
Shanghai	1/11 1/2
Hong Kong	1/6 3/4
Yokohama	2/0 3/4
Silver Spot	20 1/2
Silver Forward	20 1/2

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Haiching Piracy Trial Before Chief Justice

This month's Criminal Sessions has been fixed for Monday, when the three Hakkas alleged to have participated in the practical attack on the a.s. Haiching will be arraigned before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).
Before His Honour the Police Judge (Mr. Justice J. H. Wood), Sato Rayachi will stand his trial on a charge of offering a bribe to a police officer, and also Chan Man Ying, (alias Chan Kwai), Lam Yip-kwong, Li Wing-yip and Lam Kat-chung on a charge of assault with intent to rob.

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Sport Columns

MY SELECTION FOR THE DERBY

WISDOM STAG HAS BIG CHANCE IN CLASSIC

OLD PONY POSSIBLES

(By "Wombat")

Yesterday's gallops at the Valley did not reveal anything very remarkable in the way of form with some of our Derby hopes.

King's Bounty failed to confirm the report that he is a cinch for the Derby. Yesterday's trial served to show that he is very deficient when the pressure is applied, and, although there was some excuse on account of the fast manner in which the first half of the run was performed, there was positively no reason why he should have bust up the way he did in the quarter which led up to the six furlong distance.

Granted he came again in the straight, the time done should not have been such a severe task for a pony who has been spoken of as the very best griffin of the 1930 season.

I was amazed at the performance, and, if the run was a true return of his ability, I cannot see how he can be expected to get a place in the Derby.

On account of the disappointing trial of the Dynasty candidate the task of selecting a winner for this year's Derby is going to be extremely difficult.

The Tiger was an even worse disappointment than King's Bounty as he had every chance of proving if he was the "goods." Mr. G. A. Harriman rode the big pibald in his trial and gave him every chance in the early part by sending him along in steady time. His time for the mile was not so dusty, as he equalled King's Bounty's time for the same distance. But he failed miserably for the remainder of the trip and came home in the very poor time of 35 sec. for the last quarter.

This performance with two of the considered best ponies of the 1930 season was a tremendous blow to "fans" in general, and the only people who could afford to smile were the supporters of Mr. Chan Tin-sion, who may have in his stable both the winners of the Derby and champions.

Wisdom Stag started on the Derby distance, in a very slow and easy stride, and time takers clocked his first quarter in 39 sec., half mile in 1.14 sec. and the mile in 2.25 sec. truly a very easy run. At the one mile and a quarter distance the grey began to improve his pace until the full distance had been covered when 3.292 was the resultant return. As the last quarter was clocked around 31 sec., the time for the full journey was quite satisfactory.

Piccolilli was treated to a lesser distance, which he accomplished in good style to finish the last quarter full of going in 30 sec. The time taken for the full trip was 2.55 sec., which, although nothing to rave about, was consistently good. By virtue of this pony's adaptability to cover in good time any job to which he is assigned I confidently expect to see him one of the best backed ponies in this year's Derby. Mr. Hynes and Mr. Mackie were most unfortunate in last year's event owing to the disinclination of their charge to face the barrier. Had Petorkin started I am sure there would have been a different tale to tell about the race.

Apollo should easily account for the Champions this year. He is a wonder on the training track and just flies over the distances, whether they be half a mile or a mile and a half. Mr. Quincey will have the mount in his races and he always rides the pony in Shanghai, which fact will help

NEW CHALLENGE FOR PHIL SCOTT

GERMAN SEEKS WORLD TITLE AND \$50,000 PURSE

OFFER ACCEPTED

Berlin, Yesterday.

The German boxer, Schmeling, has accepted an offer to fight the winner of the Scott-Sharkey contest for the world title on June 26 for a purse of \$50,000.—Reuter. (Phil Scott won the British heavyweight Championship in 1928 from Frank Goddard. The World's heavyweight Championship, won by Gene Tunney (U.S.A.) from Jack Dempsey, is now vacant, Tunney having retired.)

CRICKET

University v. Army in League Match

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Army to-morrow at 2 p.m. at Pokfulam: C. W. Lam, M. B. Osman, A. P. Gutierrez, L. T. Ride, D. K. Samy, S. V. Gittins, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Baker, A. B. Suliman, W. H. Kwan, K. P. Gan.

H.K.C.C. Teams

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club to-morrow, 1st XI: Kowloon, away (League).—T. E. Pearce (Captain), G. P. Lammert, H. C. Beck, K. H. Batger, A. Reid, H. J. Armstrong, E. R. Duckitt, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. Owen Hughes, J. R. Hinton, and G. E. R. Divett.

2nd XI v. Craighower, home, (League).—W. W. MacKenzie (Captain), R. M. Wood, Harris Walker, J. H. Ashworth, J. R. Way, S. J. Stanesby, C. E. Gahagan, R. H. Wade, R. H. Dowler, J. R. Collis, and J. C. Bonnar.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Craighower C.C. on the latter's ground on Sunday at 11 a.m. sharp:—

E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), A. Reid, A. C. Beck, G. E. R. Divett, J. E. Richardson, R. M. Wood, N. A. R. Mackay, S. V. Gittins, K. H. Batger, W. D. Folley, and G. D. Lammert.

him considerably on the Hong Kong course.

Carnation Eve.—This pony comes down from Shanghai with a very good reputation, and his record shows some very satisfactory performances in fields where Apollo has been amongst the runners. I have been told he is a crazy runner and is likely to display fits of bad temper when running which, of course, must make a big difference to his winning chances. The pony is at present being trained in Macao—and as nobody seems to know anything about him I shall have to wait till he appears in Hong Kong before I can pass my opinion about his chances of giving the old ponies a beating.

King's Courier, who arrived in Hong Kong just before the end of the last ginkhans season, is very fit just now and will be a sure winner in short distance races at the annual meeting.

President Hall, though not as fit as I would like to see him, is nevertheless going to be a big danger to both Apollo and Sitting Bull especially, as I hear that the last year's Champions winner is a little tender at present on account of leg trouble.

Boxing Eve is our champion sprint pony of last season but with the coming of Apollo I am forced to think that our old champion will have his work cut out to account for any event where the Shanghai crack pony is amongst the runners.

CHAT ON LOCAL FOOTBALL

Senior Championship—Prospects Analysed

WEEK'S REVIEW

Second Round Shield Ties To-morrow

(By "Roamer")

The Senior Championship now presents a pretty problem and in view of the K.O.S.B.'s departure this month it appears worth while to make a close study of their chance of being returned the Colony's Champions after their arrival in India.

The honours now rests between four teams, i.e., K.O.S.B., Navy, Athletic, and Somersets; and each must first be considered in the light of their prospects in their remaining fixtures. The "Scots" have to meet the Club and South China to complete their programme and should annex all four points, bringing their total up to 31.

The Navy have four games to play, Kowloon, Athletic, St. Joseph's and Police, and it should be easy going in three of them, but with the Athletic they have a big obstacle. On November 9 last the Chinese ran out good winners at the Stadium by three goals to nil, so the Senior Service will have to be on form to bag both points, and, assuming that they succeed, their total points will be equal to the K.O.S.B.'s, i.e., 31.

The Athletic have six fixtures in hand and should earn full points in four of them, Police, South China, Kowloon, and R.A., but as we have already awarded the Navy two, we now have to consider their chances against the "Sets," and take a line through the K.O.S.B. The Athletic have lost three points to the "Scots" at Sookumpoo and the "Sets" have won three from the K.O.S.B.'s on the same ground, which points to the Chinese losing their game against the "Sets," and, if such proves to be the case, the Athletic will finish up with 30 points.

Somersets' Chances

The last team in the picture are the Somersets with eight games in hand. At present they hold 17 points and provided they account for the Club, R.A., Recreation, St. Joseph's and Kowloon, as they should do, their total will be 27, plus two from the Athletic is 29 and two off the leaders, with South China to meet twice.

To sum up, based on all four teams playing up to form, the "Scots" have only the "Sets" to fear. The latter side in my opinion are strongly placed and should win the Senior Trophy, provided they can snatch three points from South China, by the margin of one point, but no more catastrophes like the one against the Police in mid January must occur if the K.O.S.B. are to be deprived of holding the honour in India.

With the Seniors

With the "Interpeters" still away last Saturday only two fixtures were fulfilled. The feature of the Navy-Gunners encounter was the splendid work of Fletcher in the R.A. goal. This player had a warm time of it and did yeoman service to his side in keeping out all efforts of the Navy except three. Peacock, the Navy centre forward, took the field for the first time this season and scored twice, the remaining success coming from Cartwright.

With St. Joseph's dead out of form South China ran out winners to the tune of four to one in a very poor game. Two of South China's goals were successful spot kicks by Ip Pak-wa and Pau Kachuen, Chan Sul-hong getting near the hat trick distinction. The "Saints" one and only came from Souza just before the final whistle.

Junior Games

Not being in possession of previous season's records I cannot say if any side has earned the "century" distinction or not, but last Saturday the K.O.S.B. registered their hundredth goal of the season by finding the "Saints" net five

times. Both Stevens and Crawley scored twice with the other coming from Toal, the hundredth honour being claimed by Crawley.

I expected a closer game between the Navy and South China "A" and had the second half been a repetition of the first it would have been, but with the Navy's middle line at the peak of their form South China "A's" front line were very subdued and for the second time this season suffered defeat.

The "Gunners" lost to Chinese "B" through their very poor shooting efforts and had they taken full advantage of opportunities offered, as the "B" eleven did, we should have had a very different result. To say that the R.A. should have had four more goals is not exaggerating in the least.

Recovery of the "Sets"

The Somersets had recovered from the effects of their hard played Shield match and trounced the Club to the extent of five goals to one. The remaining games went as was expected, Eastern, Chinese Athletic "A" and Kowloon bagging both points from South China "B", Ewo and University respectively.

To-day's Junior Shield Replay The "Sets" transgressed in their third game of the first round of the Junior Shield by playing a senior player and the H.K.F.A. Council have ordered the match to be replayed. With a view to getting it off before Saturday's second round it will be contested this afternoon on the Kowloon F.C. ground. The "Sets" front line will be weakened by the exclusion of Early and, provided the Navy can gather together their usual junior side, I predict the Navy qualifying to meet South China on Caroline Hill to-morrow.

To-morrow's Shield Ties

The Senior Shield holders for 1929 are drawn to meet the R.A. at Sookumpoo and a particularly keen struggle should be witnessed in to-morrow's second round tie. South China lost their League fixture with the "Gunners" on January 11 on the same ground by the odd goal in three, but on their own ground at Caroline Hill ran out winners by three to one. With the "Gunners" having ground advantage and South China a little stronger, it would not surprise me if these sides have to meet again on Caroline Hill with South China qualifying as semi-finalists.

At Kowloon the Police will take the field against the home side on the Railway ground. These eleven met in a League fixture on the same ground this season and shared four goals. Kowloon have won the Shield four times in the last seven seasons, and as they are evidently Shield fighters, my vote goes to them.

Navy to Meet H.K.F.C.

The Navy must put up a better show against the H.K.F.C. than they did on January 18 if they intend to have further interest in this competition. On that date they were held to a draw—and I shall expect to-morrow's verdict to prove that result all wrong.

At the Stadium the Athletic will settle their differences with the Somersets. With the Chinese unsteady of late, lucky in gaining the odd goal verdict over the Club, failing to respond to the K.O.S.B.'s two, and only overcoming a weak opposition in St. Joseph's by three, I predict a reversal of November's League result, provided the "Sets" can field their strongest side.

After last Saturday's poor display I cannot see how the "Gunners" can survive their Junior Shield round tie against Kowloon. True, in their first League game of the season the R.A. left the Railway ground winners by the odd goal in five but I predict the peninsula team putting paid to their career in this competition to-morrow.

South China's Opponents?

Owing to to-day's first round replay between the Navy and Somersets, South China do not yet know their opponents for their tie. Subject to a definite decision being arrived at to-day and the Navy being the victors, South China's second round obligation will be contested on Caroline Hill. The Navy have bagged three of the four League points from the Hill team and the outcome of a good tussle

INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GOLF

BRITISH PLAYER IN A WARLIKE MOOD

THREE CHALLENGES

London, Yesterday.

The Ladies' Golf Union has arranged a regular programme of international matches against America, Canada and France with alternating venues. The American offer to pay the British expenses for the first ten visits has been declined.—Reuter.

should be in favour of the Senior Service. Should the "Sets" win, South China will have to visit Sookumpoo.

The Club-Eastern tie appears to be a foregone conclusion if their League encounter is to be a guide, in which game Eastern were the victors by three without response. Eastern get my vote.

Chinese "B" and Ewo will now meet at the Stadium instead of on the Chinese Ground at Happy Valley and here again we have a repeat of a League match. By two clear goals the "B" side overcame Ewo on November 9 last and I predict a similar result to-morrow.

Up to the time of writing I have not heard of any of the disengaged teams, either Senior or Junior, being called upon to play to-morrow.

Full Shield Programmes

Complete second round Shield ties and League tables to date are appended:—

CHALLENGE SHIELD—SECOND ROUND

Senior (4.15 p.m.)

R.A. v. South China, Military Ground, Sookumpoo.

Police v. Kowloon F.C. Ground, Club v. Navy, Club Ground, Happy Valley.

Athletic v. Somersets, The Stadium, North Point.

Junior (2.30 p.m.)

Kowloon v. R.A., Kowloon F.C. Ground.

Navy or Somersets v. South China, Caroline Hill Ground or The Military Ground, Sookumpoo.

Club v. Eastern, Club Ground, Happy Valley.

Chinese "B" v. Ewo, The Stadium, North Point.

TO-DAY

Junior Shield Replay

Somersets v. Navy, Kowloon F.C. Ground.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

Division I.					Goals.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
K.O.S.B.	18	11	5	2	42	17
Royal Navy	10	6	2	2	34	19
Athletic	14	10	2	2	32	11
Somersets	12	8	3	2	24	9
South China	13	7	2	4	24	11
R.A.	16	7	1	8	23	25
Kowloon	13	5	3	5	25	19
Club	13	2	3	8	14	27
St. Joseph's	15	3	0	12	14	47
Recreation	13	1	1	10	14	38
Police	13	2	1	10	19	36

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon second eleven versus R.A.:—Angus (Junior); Guest, Hast; Nicholls, Springett, Dunnett, Moore, Dixon, Cotton, Coates, and Blackford. Reserves: Herbert, Seddon, and Hawke.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon first eleven versus Police:—Angus (Senior); Gillet, C. Pile; Hedley, Downman, Duncan; Eastman, Mc-Kelvie, Moss, Simpson, and Miles. Reserve: Nicholls.

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TENNIS

H.K.C.C. Matches for To-day

All the matches scheduled for yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament were postponed owing to rain.

It is hoped this afternoon to make more headway in disposing of the first round ties in the two open events, the matches being:—

Opening Championship Singles.

First Round

M. K. Lo v. Luk Kang-cheung. E. W. Liang v. T. C. Monaghan. J. A. E. Cassumbhoy v. M. K. Lo. J. Barrow v. H. Yoshida.

Open Championship Doubles

First Round

D. S. and S. E. Green v. Ho Wah-hing and Chiu Tsun-chiu. H. Owen Hughes and A. D. Humphreys v. Y. Sajiki and Y. Hachiuma.

Club Championship

First Round

A. L. Sullivan v. D. M. Macdougall.

Handicap Singles "A"

First Round

O. E. C. Marton (-2/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (-4/6).

Handicap Doubles

J. T. Prior and G. S. Hugh Jones (2/6) v. H. Mijhoff and H. Le Sueur (scr.).

HOCKEY

Fourth Match in Caer Cup

The fourth match in the Caer Clark Cup Competition will be played to-morrow at 8 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park.

Teams:—

Club de Recreation:—E. M. Xavier, H. Leite, M. Alves, M. Roza, L. Silva-Netto, A. Roza, C. Osmund, M. Remedios, O. Basto, C. Botelho, A. Basto.

Kowloon:—M. Mason, M. Woolley, N. Field, M. George, P. Woolley, M. Groundwater, V. Eastman, P. Whitely, E. Anslow, D. Pinguet, E. Woolley.

The following will represent Club de Recreation in a Hockey match against the Royal Air Force on Sunday, February 16 at 10.15 a.m. sharp. Ground: King's Park.

C. Barros, H. R. Pinna, D. C. Alves, H. A. Noronha, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, F. J. Remedios, H. J. de Figueiredo, A. M. Xavier, H. A. Botelho and J. A. de V. Soares.

For failing to comply with the requirements of the "Quota" Act two film companies were fined at Marlborough-street Police Court.

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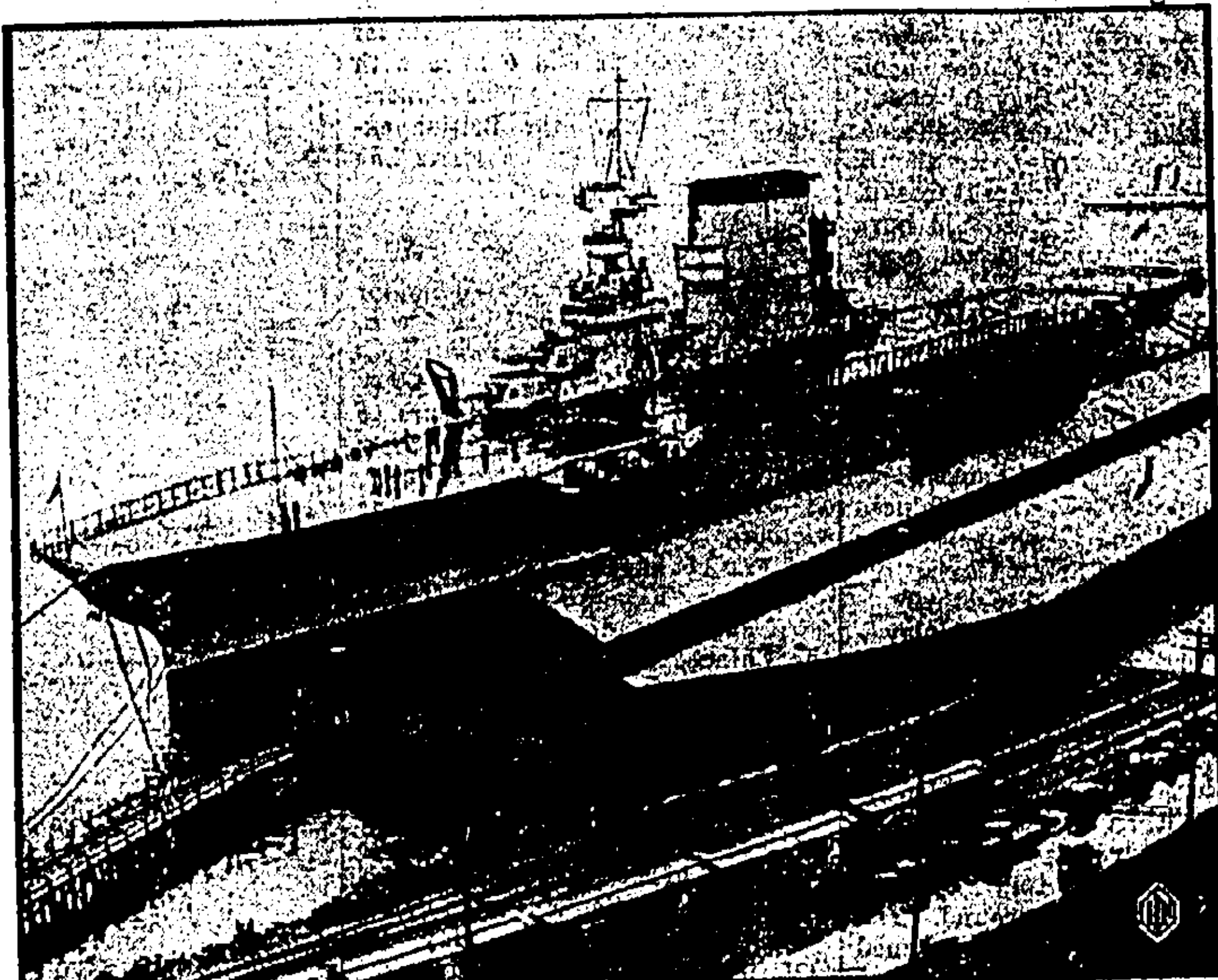
World News In Pictures

German Benefactress



Hedwig Mangel, famous German actress, has been forced by lack of funds to close the home at Hubertushof, Germany, which she established some years ago for released female convicts. She used her entire fortune in this great welfare work.

Battleship Loans Electricity



The giant aeroplane carrier, which recently loaned a supply of electricity to the city of Tacoma, is here shown tied up at Baker Dock, where its giant turbines were put to work in direct connection with the city's power plants. One-fourth of the ship's power was enough to relieve the city's threatened power shortage.

Wilson's Nephew



Edwin C. Wilson, nephew of the late President Wilson, visited Berlin to negotiate with the German Reich Government on the so-called "separate agreement" on the total payments of reparations from Germany to the United States.

Escapes Assassination



An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate President Hipolito Yrigoyen, of the Argentine Republic, on Christmas Eve. A would-be assassin fired at the President at point blank range as he was en route to the Palace. The attacker was shot dead by detectives, who were accompanying the President.

Military Attaches



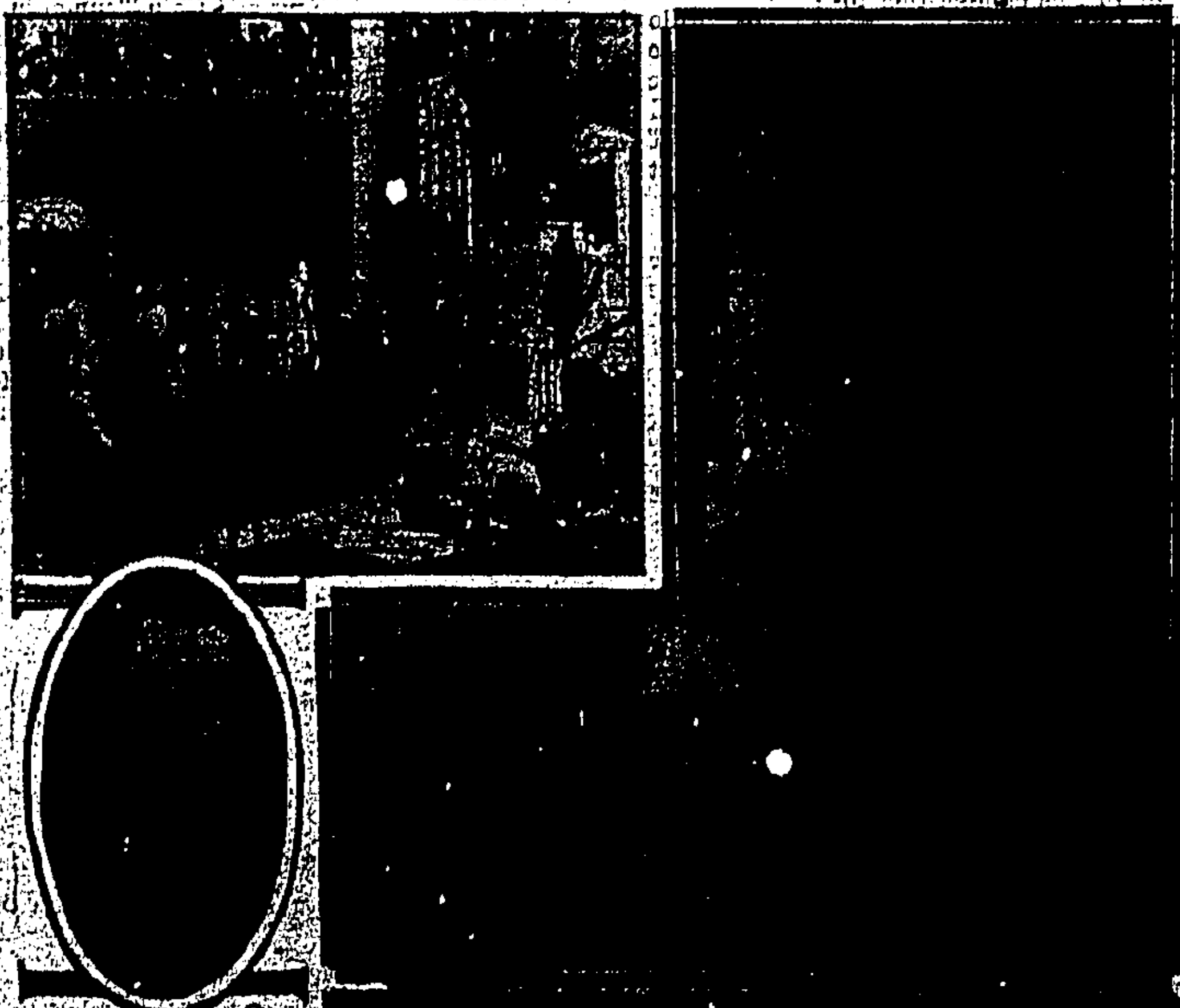
U.S. Secretary of War Colonel Patrick J. Hurley receiving the military attaches of foreign embassies at the War Department where he was the recipient of good wishes on his appointment to office. He succeeds the late James W. Good. The embassies of Argentine, Chile, Cuba, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Bolivia were represented.

Aeroplane Crash



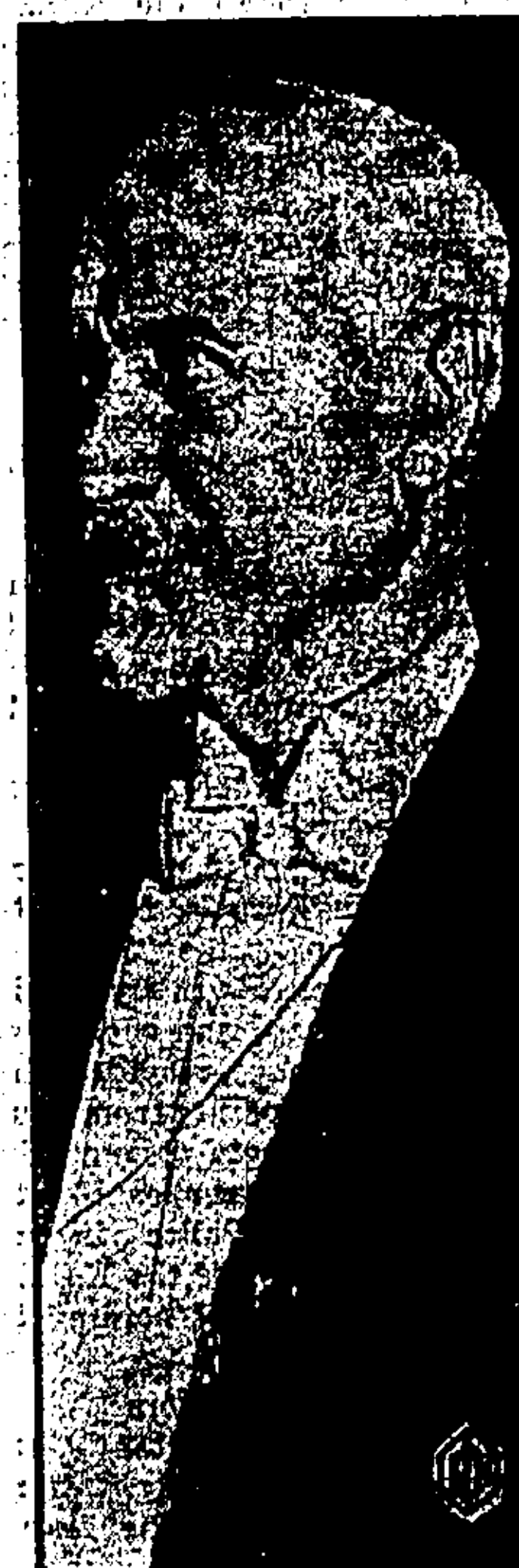
Wreckage of the plane, "Miss Amarillo," piloted by Lieut. Robert H. Gray, British war ace and branch manager of the Texas Air Transport, which cost the lives of five when it crashed at Amarillo, Texas. Lieut. Gray, who was in charge of Amarillo's municipal air field, and his wife were among the dead. They left a 14-months-old son, Robert, Jun. (Inset) Mrs. Robert Gray and her 14-months-old son pictured a short time before death separated them.

Historic Church Doomed



Historic St. John's Church in Richmond, Va., built in 1741, may be closed on account of the fire hazard to the famous old structure. It was in this building on March 23, 1775, that Patrick Henry made his famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" address. (Upper left) Patrick Henry delivering his immortal address. (Right) The historic church which has been standing almost 190 years. (Inset) Patrick Henry.

S. African Statesman



A new photo of General Jan Christian Smuts, South African statesman. That one of the formidable enemies of the British Empire should eventually become one of its most valued servants is dramatic enough, but Smuts's whole life has been a succession of surprises.

Secretary of Interior



U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, leaving the White House following a Cabinet meeting.

Viceroy of India



An attempt to assassinate Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India, failed when a bomb placed on the railroad tracks near New Delhi exploded before a coach containing the Viceroy and his party passed over.

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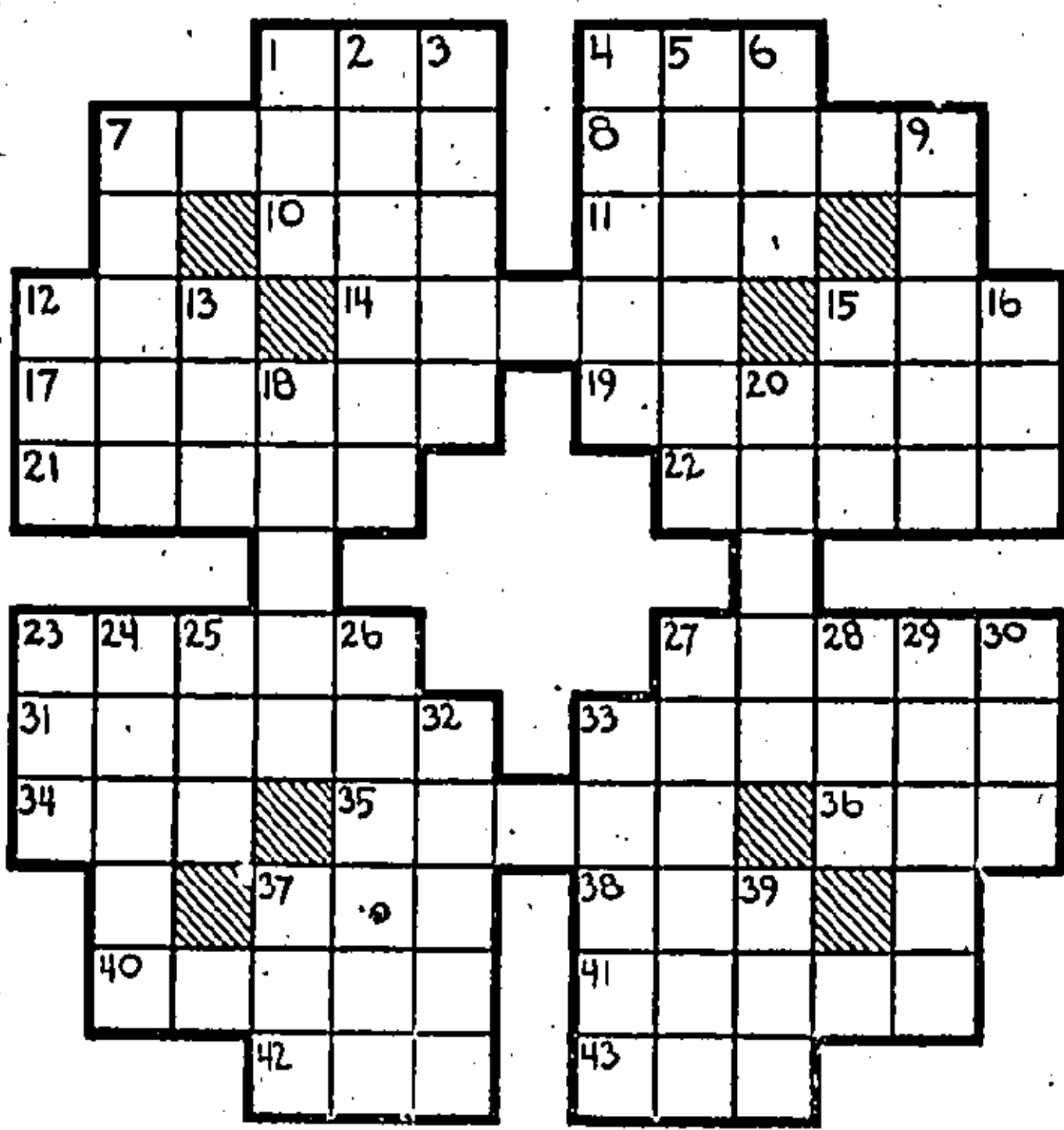
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Rudy Vallee, popular singer and orchestra leader, who reports have it, may soon file a counter-suit against Agnes O'Loughlin, the show girl, who filed a suit for \$200,000 alimony of affections against the blond crooner. It is said that Rudy will charge "Aggie" and some friends with alleged conspiracy.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plea, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Obese | 33—Acquiesce | 12—A beverage |
| 4—A weaver | 34—Measure of length | 13—A date from which time is reckoned |
| 7—A cubic unit of metric measure | 35—A firm grasp | 14—Even (post.) |
| 8—The positive voltaic pole | 36—The bleat of a sheep | 15—Answer (abbr.) |
| 10—Feminine name (abbr.) | 37—A gazel of Tibet | 16—Frothing |
| 11—To wrap around | 38—Secreted | 17—Circles |
| 12—Exist | 39—Episode | 18—Deface |
| 14—A kingdom | 40—Appearing as if snarled (Seleny) | 19—A species of lyric poem |
| 15—A historical period | 41—A lyric poem | 20—Army Ordinance |
| 17—A lasso | 42—A lay fabric | 21—Unit of time C |
| 19—A fine rain or snow that falls from a clear sky | | 22—Unit of time C |
| 21—The excess of the solar year over 12 lunar months | VERTICAL | 23—Rabel (colloq.) |
| 22—Strings or cords | 1—A marsh | 24—Growing out |
| 23—Instrumentality | 2—Mountain in Armenia | 25—Greek letter |
| 27—Concure | 3—Dogma | 26—Smile |
| 31—The highest point | 4—Spheres | 27—Pala |
| | 5—Hard part of teeth | 28—Masculine name (abbr.) |
| | 6—Summit | 29—Speak |
| | 7—to stop | |
| | 8—Weird (Scott.) | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

"GOOD NEWS"

(By Dorothy Herzog.)

This chap McGregor is something new in Hollywood. He stage directed for Charles Frohman in the days of Maude Adams. His father was a famous Shakespearean actor. He, himself, once stage directed Robert Mantel. When musical comedy became the popular demon of Broadway, McGregor switched from the drama to it. He staged a number of Earl Carroll's vanities. He put on "Good News" in New York. He will do likewise by the talkie version. Gus Shy, the comedian in the original company, will come West to conk in the talkie. No one told me but I've got a paragonical hunch that Bessie Love will bring the Zelma O'Neill role to the screen. If wrong, consider the apology already written.

A VETERAN ACTRESS

It is about Lydia Yeamans Titus. Mrs. Titus has been an actress nigh on to half a century. She is a well-known character trouper in pictures. She has worked with nearly every star in the game. Mrs. Titus is alone in the world. She is 80 years old or very near the 80 mark.

Several weeks ago, she collapsed upon the street. When revived, it was found she had suffered a paralytic stroke. She was removed to Hospital. In her more affluent days, Mrs. Titus had contributed to a certain fund whose purpose was to look after its own when misfortune harassed them. It was the Motion Picture Relief Fund, however, that rallied to Mrs. Titus' aid when she needed a helping hand. It was her friends, too. Many of them. Such as Margaret Livingston, Mrs. Fred Niblo, Reginald Denny. Under attentive medical treatment, Mrs. Titus rallied.

"NOISE" OF THE SNOW!

It was one of those snow scenes. For "Faithful," Billie Dove's current film.

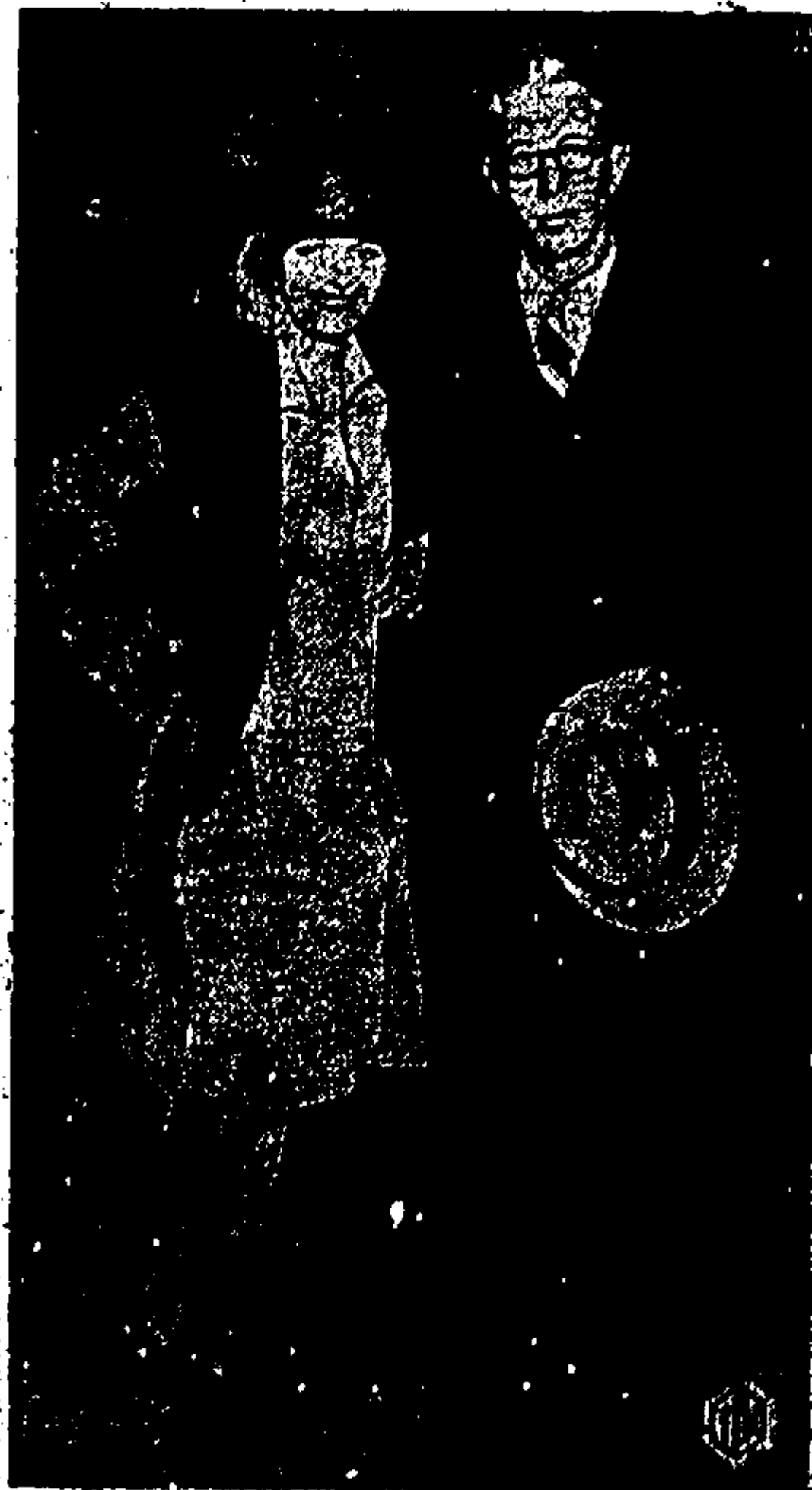
"How was it?" Director Lloyd Bacon called to the mixer in the monitor room.

"Fine," loud speakered that worthy, "except for the hammering."

"That wasn't hammering," Billie joined in. "That was the snow falling!"

LEARNING TO SKI

Richard Barthelmess writes from far away Switzerland that he is learning to ski. This department trusts he means on his feet.



Kenneth Hawley, well-known motion picture director, shown with his wife, Mary Astor, was one of the victims of the fatal mid-air crash between two giant planes which were filming a picture above the sea at Santa Monica, Cal. Immediately after the planes collided both burst into flames and plunged into the water, making it impossible for the doomed men to escape alive.

"The Love Parade" stars Maurice Chevalier, supported by Jeanette MacDonald, Lillian Roth, Lupino Lane and others in a huge cast. The entire musical score was composed by Victor Schertzinger and the libretto is by Guy Bolton from an Ernest Vajda story.

NEW IDEAS

Given by the Talking Films

The stage will not be wiped out by talking pictures but will borrow from the screen ideas, both mechanical and histrionic, that will enhance it as a medium of entertainment.

This is the opinion of James Whale, stage director, who is now in Hollywood, assisting in the direction of Richard Dix's latest Paramount picture, "The Love Doctor," from "The Boomerang."

Whale says there is no doubt but that the talking picture is the greatest dramatic medium of all time because it combines the dramatic quality of the human voice with the unlimited photographic possibilities of the camera.

He states further that the talking picture is the most democratic form of entertainment, pointing out that the spectator seated in the last row of the house is able to "enjoy" all the advantages of the person seated in the stall or box seat at a legitimate theatre, plus the thrill of watching a show from backstage.

But, in spite of these advantages of the talking picture, Whale says that the stage will not allow itself to be eliminated.

He believes that new theatres will be equipped with an amplifying system that will throw the voices of the players to all corners.

In the future, he further opines,

stage directors will instruct their players to play more "to the gallery." Borrowing the idea from talking pictures, gestures and actions will be broader and therefore more easily understood by the masses.

Whale believes that the legitimate road show is a thing of the past for the reason that audiences will not be satisfied to see plays with secondary casts when the talking picture will bring them the best in histrionic talent. The stage will hereafter confine its efforts to the large cities, he believes.

SUICIDE ON STAGE

Theory of Death of Chung Ling Soo

A theory that Chun Ling Soo, the magician who was shot dead on the stage of Wood Green Empire in 1918, committed the most cold-blooded suicide ever planned is put forward in "Sensational Tales of Mystery Men," by Mr. Will Goldston, the founder of the Magicians' Club (Will Goldston, Ltd., 7s. 6d.).

The magician was shot during his famous "catching the bullets" trick. If the trick had been performed properly, two live cartridges, after having been passed round the audience, would have apparently been handed to an assistant, who would have fired them at a plate which the magician held over his chest. Actually, the cartridges would have been cleverly smuggled to Chung Ling Soo.

But this night, after Chung Ling Soo had loaded the rifle himself, he was shot. The bullets were never found, and the plate over his chest was not shattered.

Mr. Goldston points out that the gun had a sealed barrel to minimise the possibility of an accident, but

Hollywood Humor

By EDMUND LOWE
(For Moviegoers Artists)

Not long ago a young man called on Vic McLaglen and explained that he was a stamp collector. He said he'd heard that Vic got fan mail from more out of the way places in the world than anybody else in Hollywood. It was a very mild form of flattery but all the young man wanted was some of the stamps off of the envelopes so he worked. Vic gave him a nice batch of funny looking stamps from various countries.

The young man evidently told friends of his visit because in a few days the story of Vic's generosity to stamp collectors was going the rounds of the press. The newspaper articles explained that Vic gets on an average of 300 letters a week from foreign countries and that he has correspondents in China, Africa, Ceylon, Bombay, the Fiji Islands, Tahiti, South America, Hindustan, Germany, France and England, among other places.

That was the touch off. Ever since Vic has been besieged by stamp collectors in person, by telephone and by mail. He can't ward off the collectors so he's thinking about some way to stop his fan mail. When somebody told him the story of the "Happy Days," was a knockout and would make him more popular than ever, he was pleased until somebody else reminded him that the more popular he got the greater amount of fan mail he would receive. Then we could hardly get him to rehearsal for a week.

after the tragedy the barrel was found to have been opened. He says that Chung was worried about domestic matters and a few days before his death cleared up all his business affairs.

Widow's Story

At the inquest his wife, who helped in the trick, said that specially prepared bullets were substituted for those shown to the audience by means of a false bottom in a cup in which they were placed.

It was decided that the shooting occurred owing to a flaw in a plug in the gun, which allowed the explosion to take place in the real gun barrel instead of a false one.

Chung Ling Soo's real name was William Blaworth Robinson. He was variously described as a Birmingham man and as an American of Scottish extraction. He was apprenticed to an engineer, used his training to invent tricks, and during his travels acquired a knowledge of Chinese.

This gave him the idea of masquerading as a Chinese on the stage, and he was so successful that he even deceived Chinese. On the stage he never said a word, but merely smiled in Oriental fashion.



Conrad Wells, well-known chief cameraman, lost his life in a crash between two planes used in taking pictures over the Pacific, pictured as he appeared recently while engaged in his camera work. Both Wells and Blax Gold, assistant director, who also lost his life, jumped as the planes plunged.



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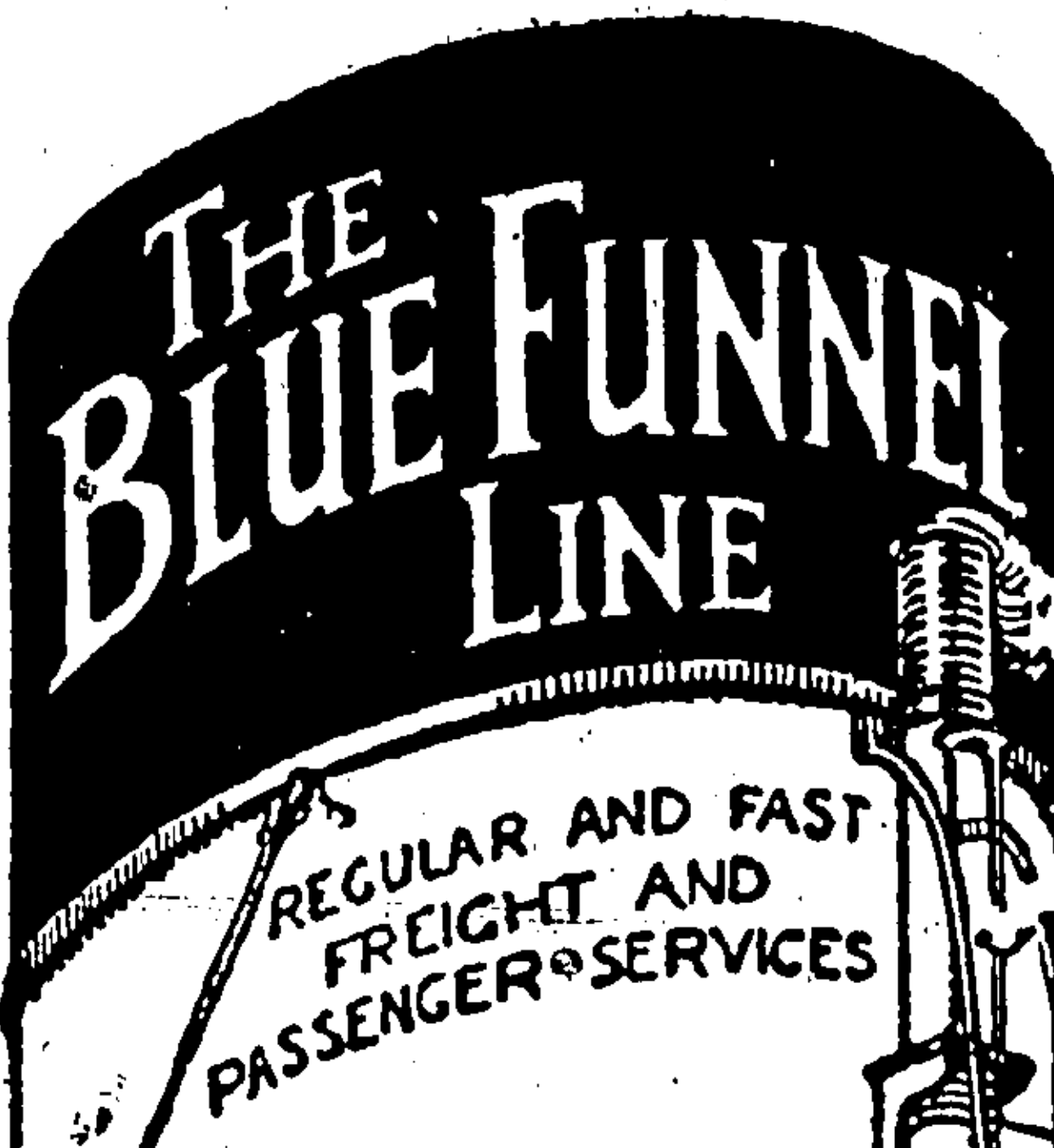
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INWARD MAILS

From SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.
U.S.A. (Seattle, Jan. 25), Canada, Japan,
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Jan. 25) President Cleveland
(Ship due on Feb. 14, 6 p.m.)

Shanghai and Swatow Szechuen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Straits Katori Maru

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru 9 a.m.

Bangkok via Swatow Kalgan 9 a.m.

Sam Shui and Wuchow Tai Hing 11 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Shanghai Katori Maru 10.30 a.m.

Swatow Hydrangeas 2.30 p.m.

*Subscribed correspondence only.

INDO-CHINA RISING QUELLED

TROOPS REPULSE ATTACK ON HUNGHOA MILITIA

BOMBS HURLED BY REBELS

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Leon Porrier, the Minister of Colonies, announces that the French suffered no casualties in the later developments at Tongking, where the natives have risen in revolt. The local forces successfully repulsed an attack on the militia post at Hunghoa, Indo-China.

An Annamite motor driver fired a revolver at a policeman at Hanoi on Monday, and shot dead two other persons before he was arrested. Several members of local revolutionary societies mounted bicycles and rode through the streets of Hanoi on the evening of February 10, hurling bombs at various points. There were no casualties, and "absolute calm" is reported elsewhere in Tongking Province.—Reuter.

[French Indo-China, with an area of about 274,385 square miles and a population of 19,999,423, of whom 34,443 are European (excluding military forces) consists of five States, including the Protectorate of Tongking. The whole country is under a Governor-General (M. Monguillot) and each State has at its head a Resident-Superior. Tongking has a native tribunal for matters affecting natives, and French Courts for matters affecting Europeans. The military force, consisting of two divisions with a special effective force, is commanded by the Commandant-Superior, a general of division with the same rank as an army corps general in France. The naval forces comprises two gun-boats, four torpedo-boats, and 21 despatch vessels. In 1887, the French possessions of Indo-China were united into a Customs Union. There are about 7,000 miles of metalled roads and 10,000 miles of good unmetalled roads (1927).]

OWNER BLAMED

Candid Driver of Motor Lorry

Three Chinese drivers of motor lorries were at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day fined \$20 each for not having efficient brakes on their vehicles.

In a fourth case the owner and the driver were charged with a similar offence.

Traffic Inspector Mason produced worn out brake linings, and remarked that they were useless. The driver: The owner is responsible for this.

The owner: Yes, I quite agree. A fine of \$25 was imposed on the owner, while the driver was cautioned.

RED TROOPS TAKE NINGTU

INHABITANTS FLEE BEFORE COMMUNIST ADVANCE

LOYALISTS READY

\$15,000 REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF LEADERS

Canton, Yesterday.
Having taken possession of the Kwang-chang District in Kiangsi, 50 miles south-east of the Kiangsi-Fukien border, the Reds, numbering several thousand under their leader Chu and Mo, were first reported to have continued their march, aiming at the capture of Chi An, a large district about 120 miles from the Kiangsi capital.

FRESH AND FINE

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over N. China and has strengthened.

Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and a fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. winds; fresh; fine.

Rainfall

Rainfall up to 10 a.m. to-day, 0.27 inch. Rainfall since January 1, 3.61 inch, against an average of 2.24 inch.

Temperature and Humidity
The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	52	52
Macao	48	89
Pratas Island	65	87
Manila	64	92
Amoy	48	90
Swatow	51	94
Chefoo	32	82
Shanghai	32	92

It is now reported that they have captured Ningtu District, 40 miles below Kwangchow, holding thus a line from north to south and connecting the two towns—Kwang-chang and Ningtu. Being apprehensive of the wanton destruction of lives and property at the hands of the Reds, the inhabitants are fleeing with their personal effects before the Communists advance.

General Lu Tipping, the chairman of Kiangsi, has despatched General Chin Hong-tung of the 13th Division, General Chang Fei-chan of the 18th Division and Colonels Tang Yun-san and Teng Ying of the National reinforcements, numbering over 30,000 strong, to surround and exterminate the Reds.

Encounter Avoided

The latest message intimates that the troops of the 13th Division, under General Chin, who left Tingschow in Fukien and arrived at Suichin in Kiangsi, 20 miles from the above town, are now heading the Ningtu. To

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"WETS" DECLARATION

Washington, Yesterday.
The opening of the House of Representatives' judiciary committee's investigation question of prohibition was marked by warm applause of the "wet" chairman's declaration that prohibition has been tested for a decade with no satisfactory results. Many "wets" were present.—Reuter's American Service.

avoid an encounter with the loyal forces, the Reds have changed their route by going northwards and attacking instead Nanfeng, about 25 miles north at Kwang-chang.

A reward of \$10,000 and \$5,000 for the capture of the Red leaders Chu Teh and Fu Tsui-pak, respectively, has been offered by General Chin. Fu is supposed to be the successor of Mo Tsue-tung, who was previously reported dead. Meanwhile, the Red subordinates are to be given a chance to surrender.

Kwangsi Campaign

The vigilance in Wuchow has been relaxed since the Cantonese recapture of Tengkuan. Motor-boats and tow-boats have resumed their usual services, plying between Wuchow-Yungku-Tengkuan, thus rendering it possible for rice, vegetables, fowls, fuel and other daily commodities from the surrounding villages to reach Wuchow. Consequently, the prices of food-stuffs are gradually returning to normal rates.

Kweichow Threatened

As reported last week, a portion of General Lui Woon-yin's loyal troops who have been repeatedly attacked by the rebels under Li Chung-jen, are still holding the line between Watlam and Jungyuan. Reinforcements from the 60th and 81st Divisions under General's Tsai Ting-kai and Chiang Kwong-wei are being sent to co-operate with General Lui's troops, via Shumchi, with the object of capturing Kweichow, where the rebels have entrenched themselves. These form the left wing of the Cantonese Army.

Generals Yu Hon-mou and Heung Hon-ping of the 69th and 62nd Divisions, forming the central column, are heading for the upper West River, with Kweichow as primary objective. The two forces, moving thus in two directions, will converge at Kweichow.

Szechuen Trouble

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to a telegraphic message from Szechuen, fresh fighting broke out on the 9th at Kanyang near Chengtu between Generals Liu Wen-hui and Tang Sik-hou. The latter's troops are reported to have been disarmed.

Military Conference

Nanking, Yesterday.
President Chiang Kai-shek wired to all divisional H.Q., summoning the despatch of a vice-divisional commander in each division to be ready before the 25th to attend the coming military conference in Nanking, in order to report the strength and condition of the division concerned and to discuss the schemes of disbandment and re-organization.—Canton Wireless Service.

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